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## DISASTERS ON ATLANTIC

Schooner Wrecked Near Cape Hatteras With Loss of Twelve People.

## ONLY ONE SURVIVOR HAS BEEN FOUND

Five Men Are Drowned Through Foundering of Large Dredge

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 15.—The five-masted schooner Governor Ames, bound from Brunswick, Georgia, to New York, with a cargo of railroad ties, grounded and went to pieces off Wimbledon shoals, 25 miles north of Cape Hatteras, on Monday afternoon about six o'clock and the captain, his wife and the crew of 12 men were killed or drowned, according to the story told tonight by Josiah Spearling, the sole survivor of the wreck, who was brought here tonight by the steamer Shawmut.

Spearling was picked up yesterday morning badly battered and half dead from cold. He says that the schooner struck about midday on Monday in a high wind and heavy fog. All attempts to launch rafts failed. The captain's wife was lashed to one part of the ship and then to another, a mast finally falling upon her and killing her. Spearling was thrown into the sea, but managed to get up to some ties and hung on until rescued.

### Chief Liberal Whip Ill

SARNIA, Dec. 15.—F. F. Pardee, M.P. for West Lambton, and chief Liberal whip, was operated upon at the Sarnia general hospital for appendicitis. His condition is reported favorable.

### Bodies of Miners Found

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—A rescuing party today found the bodies of the seven miners entombed several days ago in the Baker mine, near Heatcroft. The miners had evidently died from black damp a few hours after the explosion.

### Grain Shippers' Compensation

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The railway commission has issued an order providing that grain shippers furnishing car doors for their shipments should be allowed \$1 for uppers and 50 cents for lowers west of Ft. William and 50 cents for both kinds east of there.

### To Hang for Wife Murder

EDMONTON, Dec. 15.—The Dominion government has decided not to recommend executive clemency in the capital case of Henry Zbyhly, a Pole, who killed his wife at Vegreville several months ago. He will be hanged on the 21st of this month. Zbyhly was tried in Edmonton at the last session of the supreme court. The defence in the case was insanity.

### Halifax Economical

HALIFAX, Dec. 15.—The city council last night voted to make a grant of \$2,500 towards the erection of a tower to cost \$30,000 on a park given by Sir Sandford Fleming to the city of Halifax. The tower will commemorate the establishment of representative parliamentary institutions in Nova Scotia 150 years ago. The council was asked for \$10,000, but this is all they could be induced to give.

### Local Option in Ontario

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—There will be local option contests in 161 municipalities in Ontario on January 3 and a strong campaign is being made by the Dominion Alliance. A strong corps of speakers is in the field and many towns are expected to vote against the sale of intoxicants. Hon. Seaborn Wright, of Georgia, one of the leading temperance orators of the United States, who spoke at Massey Hall last Sunday, has been engaged for the campaign.

### Conscience Aroused

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Collector of Customs Bertram has received an anonymous letter containing \$10 and the following explanation: "Duty on two small pieces of silk brought in for a dress some twenty years ago on which duty was not paid." The money represents the duty on \$30 worth of silk, and has been turned over to the proper account. The last letter received by Collector Bertram was from some conscience-stricken individual who sent five cents to pay duty on some personal trinkets.

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## TELEGRAPHIC RIVALS

President Nally Talks About Relations of Postal and Western Union Companies

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The relations of the two great telegraph companies were discussed with apparent frankness today by Edward J. Nally, president of the New England Telegraph company, at the investigation conducted by the state legislative committee with a view of putting telegraph and telephone lines under the state public service commission.

Mr. Nally said that the stock of his company was owned by the Commercial Cable company, which controls the Postal Telegraph Co. of Connecticut, which in turn acts as holding company for the 41 postal subsidiaries. It is generally understood, he said, that the Mackay company, a Massachusetts business association, owns practically all the Commercial Cable stock. Asked about "a community of interests" between the Western Union and Postal company, Mr. Nally declared that there was the hottest sort of competition between them so far as service was concerned.

About 80 per cent. of the telegraph business of the country, he declared, is competitive business, and he thought the two big companies split this about evenly.

"I think the present condition of the Western Union," he said, "is due to the unprofitable railroad business they carry."

He considered that the contract between the Postal and the Pennsylvania railroad, whereby the company operates along the railroad's right of way, was unprofitable to the Postal.

### Charge of Embezzlement

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—Fred Hart, a former Winnipeg boy, until recently cashier for the Dominion Trust Company, of Vancouver, was arrested yesterday in Florida charged with embezzling two thousand dollars from his late employer. He left Vancouver on November 24. A Vancouver police officer will be sent after him.

## BELGIAN KING'S BRAVE STRUGGLE

Leopold Said To Be Gaining, but Has Little Hope of Long Life

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—King Leopold's tenacity, following yesterday's operation, is arousing the loyalty and admiration of the people. The bulletin issued tonight by the attending physicians states that the king is gaining. This has caused much hope, but it is privately feared at the court that his age will not permit of ultimate recovery. Tonight's bulletin says the king's condition is somewhat improved. The fact that the temperature for 30 hours or more after the operation is not far from normal, is taken for a sign of hope.

### Smuggler of Chinamen

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 15.—Robert Wagner, a well-known citizen of the American Sault, was arrested by the United States authorities in connection with the alleged smuggling in of Chinamen.

### Manchurian Railways

HARBIN, Dec. 15.—A conference was opened here between representatives of the railroad management, of the Russian consulate and of China for the purpose of working out of the details for the Russian Chinese government of the Manchurian railway zone in Manchuria.

### Marines for Central America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The auxiliary cruiser Dixie, now at Colon, was ordered today to return immediately to the United States. The Dixie came from Philadelphia recently with marines for Panama. It is said that the navy department wants to have her available for the despatch of additional marines to Central America.

### Lake Erie's Victims

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 15.—The heavy storm that has been raging here since Sunday still prevents the tugs from starting out in search of more bodies of the victims of the wreck of the Conneaut car ferry. A brother of J. Clancey, one of the men whose body was found, said that two of the men who lost their lives on the car ferry had over \$1,000 each in their possession at the time—their savings for years.

### Plea for Reforestation

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The purchase of timber lands and their reforestation by the railroads of the United States was urged by Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the Department of Agriculture, at a conference here of presidents and officers of the leading railroads of the country. Mr. Pinchot suggested this scheme as a means to preserve the forests of the country and at the same time to provide railroad ties and poles for future use. President Mudge, of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, declared that in view of the possibility that within fifty years the railroads of the country might be under government ownership, the national government should take action.

### Morgans Buy Telephone Lines

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Announcement was made here today that J. P. Morgan and Co. have purchased a majority of the stock of the United States long distance and Cuyahoga Telephone company, of which James S. Bradley, Jr., recently secured control. Bradley has also perfected a deal for the independent plants of Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, and the unofficial information that they and the new long distance company of Indianapolis and the Toledo Home Telephone company will be acquired also by Morgan and Co. is credited. Control of the six companies is said to represent a cash investment of \$8,000,000. The deal announced today is said to be the first investment of the financial interests of Morgan and Co. in independent telephone properties.

## SUGAR FIRM PAYS MONEY

More Frauds on U. S. Treasury Discovered in New York Customs

## ARBUCKLE BROS. MAKE RESTITUTION

Amounts Paid by Refiners Now Total Nearly Three Millions

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Arbuckle Bros., generally credited with being the largest independent rivals of the American Sugar Refining company, having acknowledged that from 1898 to 1907 they benefited by reason of short weight on imported sugar, in settlement of all civil claims against them they have offered and the U. S. Treasury department has accepted a payment of \$995,578, with the concurrence of the attorney general. But criminal prosecution will in no way be hampered or conditioned by this acceptance.

The payment made covers the shortage of duties on importations made between 1898, when the Arbuckle refinery opened, and November, 1907.

The government is now in receipt of the following voluntary restitutions and fines from importers of raw material: The American Sugar Refining company (voluntary) \$2,000,000; the American Sugar Refining company (fine) \$135,000; Arbuckle Bros. (voluntary) \$995,578; total, \$2,830,578.

Today's announcement of new frauds in quarters never suspected by the public was made during a recess of the criminal trial of six employees of the American Sugar Refining company. Messrs. Stimson and Dinnison, special counsel for the government, gave out a statement in part as follows: "In June last we commenced an investigation as to the weights on which duties were paid on sugar landed on the docks of the sugar refinery of Arbuckle Brothers in the port of New York. The members of that firm voluntarily gave us access to their books, and a thorough investigation was made. As a result, a shortage was reported to the members of the firm and as soon as they had verified the government's figures they voluntarily offered to pay this sum, without suit, into the treasury of the United States."

The statement purposely omits any reference to the methods by which the frauds disclosed were effected. "The matter is now pending before the grand jury," was the only reply Mr. Stimson would vouchsafe to all enquiries.

In the trial of Jas. F. Bendernagel, Thos. Keough and four other employees of the American Sugar Refining company for their alleged share in similar frauds, both prosecution and defence rested their case today. The jury was expected until tomorrow when the summing up will begin. The case will go to the jury probably on Friday.

## BIG SHORTAGE IN INSURANCE

Unfortunate Phoenix Company Loser of Another \$50,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Atlanta office of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Co. of Brooklyn is short approximately \$50,000, and has been since January, 1, 1907, according to a statement issued tonight by the state department of insurance. This adds further complexities to the affairs of the company, whose president, Geo. P. Sheldon, deposited, is now under indictment charged with grand larceny. The statement in part follows:

"The state department holds certain property turned over by Mr. Stockwell, the general agent at Atlanta, but such property is not thought to be enough to balance the shortage. Mr. Sheldon was informed of the shortage in January, 1907, but he did not report it until the present examination began. He then mentioned it to another officer of the company, and asked that the amount be charged off. This officer was Vice-president Ingraham, who declined to charge off the account as requested."

### Export Tax on Pulpwood

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The province of Quebec will put an export tax of 10 per cent. on pulpwood shipments to the United States. The announcement comes publicly from Mr. Taschereau, minister of public works for the province, that the plans have not been changed for putting this export tax into effect even if the action of the provincial government may bring on the threatened tariff war disruption of trade relations with the neighboring nation.

### Prof. Odium's Home Saved

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—The activity of neighbors of Prof. Odium saved his home, 710 Grant street, from destruction by fire about 8:30 o'clock last night. Prof. Odium was attending a meeting at the time. Neighbors noticed smoke pouring out of the basement, and after turning in a fire alarm set to work with garden hose, with which they successfully combated the flames. The origin of the fire could not be determined.

Comment on Canadian Budget  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Pall Mall Gazette says the outstanding features of the Canadian budget cannot fail to be a source of satisfaction to all imperialists.

### Killed By a Train

SUTTON, Dec. 15.—Joseph Rutter, sixty years old, and a well-known lumberman of this district, was run over and killed by an express train last night while crossing the railway track.

### Bled to Death

CCATCOOK, Que., Dec. 15.—Eugene Guerin bled to death last night as the result of the slipping of a knife, which cut the main artery in his abdomen. He was engaged in dressing a calf at the time of the accident. He was 24 years old and married.

### Shelters and Waiting Rooms

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The railway commission proposes to order railway companies to construct within six months freight shelters and waiting rooms at all flag stations. This order will form a basis for discussion at the meeting of the board here on January 4th.

### Magistrate Takes Holiday

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—Magistrate Williams of the police court, will leave for New York on Friday morning, and from New York will take passage to England. He intends to make his vacation an extended one, and does not expect to return to Vancouver until next May. During his absence C. J. South, J. P., will sit in the police court. Except for one hearing Magistrate Williams has finished his work for this week. Owing to the necessity of an adjournment of a case against Albert Smith, who is charged with having a stolen watch in his possession, Mr. Williams will sit on this case in the morning. This is made necessary by reason of his having taken all the evidence. There still remains some relevant evidence by the prosecution to be taken.

## KEEPING DOWN THE SURPLUS

Public Accounts Committee Finds Another Raid on Treasury

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Before the public accounts committee this morning, Tom Murray, of Richibucto, N. B., manager of the Kent Northern railway, was that in May, 1908, he bought a sawdust wharf at Richibucto from Richard O'Leary for \$700, and in November of the same year disposed of it to the Dominion government for \$5,000. Murray denied that on the day he purchased the wharf Jeffrey Stead, resident engineer of the public works department, was in Richibucto. The negotiations, however, were completed through Mr. Stead.

Witness said that on September 18, 1908, he sent a telegram to the chief engineer of public works department at Ottawa inquiring if the matter had been put through, and stated that it was important to him. He said that he was not present at the last general election. Witness did not think the money to purchase the wharf had been supplied by George McAvity, of St. John, N. B.

Mr. O'Leary was called and corroborated Murray's evidence as to the price paid for the wharf. He said the wharf was useless to him. It was composed of mill refuse forty years old and today was but a pile of decayed sawdust and slabs.

At one time he offered to sell the wharf to the government for \$1,000. Nothing, he said, had been done to the wharf by the government until it had been washed away a little more. It was not required for Richibucto's shipping.

### To Train U. S. Seamen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A supplementary estimate of \$100,000 for the purchase of 1,000 small arms and a battery of eight landing guns for the instruction of the apprentice seamen at the Great Lakes naval training station at North Chicago, was submitted to the house. The station is to be opened for the admission of recruits on October 1st next.

### Mrs. Ford's Case

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging her with attempting to blackmail C. L. Varriner, former local treasurer of the Big Four railway, who it is alleged stole \$643,000 from the railroad. Her trial was set for December 27. Her bond was fixed at \$2,500 on this indictment, and she was released on her own recognizance on another indictment, that of receiving stolen money, under which she had been out on \$2,500 bail.

### Rumored Railway Changes

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—There were several reports in Wall street today that important changes are pending in the management of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, that many of the operating officials will be succeeded by representatives of the Rock Island interests, who have recently purchased an interest in that company. Among the changes which it is said are slated is the resignation of President Thomas and the election of H. I. Miller, now president of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railway.

### Spokane Railway Deal

SPOKANE, Dec. 15.—James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern railway, and Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, held a conference here today with Jay P. Graves, president of the Inland Empire system. The purpose of the conference, it is said, is the completion of details for the Great Northern to take control of the Inland Empire system, which controls electric lines running from this city to Coeur d'Alene, Colfax and Moscow, Idaho, and several lines of street railways here.

## IRISH ISSUE DISTURBING

Its Introduction May Mean Trouble for Mr. Redmond and Premier

## NATIONALISTS MAY CONTROL SITUATION

Humorous Scenes Attendant on Oratorical Efforts of Peers

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Irish situation is developing with exciting rapidity. The pronouncement of the National directorate of the United Irish League, advising Irishmen to vote for the government, is of little moment, for it will only affect votes which have gone to the Liberals in previous contests. What Mr. Redmond has really done is to put a powerful weapon into the hands of his bitter opponent within the Nationalist party who hold that he has given away the citadel without securing guarantees as to what Premier Asquith really means. They are using with marked effect Redmond's own previous declaration that home rule stands no chance at all if prime place in the Liberal programme is given to a bitterly contested and long drawn out constitutional conflict over the House of Lords and such questions as Welsh disestablishment. Even if the Radicals are returned these two questions must occupy the two first sessions of parliament, leaving Ireland the merest crumbs from Liberal feast. Mr. Redmond's hope is that Mr. Asquith will be returned with so small a majority as to leave the balance of power in the hands of the eighty Nationalists, in which case they could compel Mr. Asquith, at the risk of his political life, to place Home Rule even before the lords question.

Meanwhile the land purchase schemes of Unionists and Radicals alike have been creating a new Ireland with protectionist ambitions, to which it is feared that Mr. Asquith will make a strong appeal. The Unionist leaders are being influentially urged to run tariff reform candidates in a number of Irish Nationalist constituencies.

Some of Mr. Asquith's moderate enemies are also insisting that by taking up Home Rule he is revealing his own agitation against the Lords. If the Radicals go to the country on two separate issues and win they expect to be told that they have a clear verdict on neither.

Peers all over the country are throwing themselves into the thick of the fight, and are being severely heckled by workingmen class audiences.

Amusing scenes are the result. In Stamford division last night Lord Kesteven was practically refused a hearing. "Do you want a song?" his Lordship asked, when the interruptions compelled him to resume his seat. A general uproar followed, with shouts of "The constitution." "If you will only get a word in edgewise, only edgewise, please, Noble Peer."

An elector wanted to know by what right Lord Kesteven controlled the villages. Lord Kesteven replied: "Because I've put my money into them." Then as interruptions broke out afresh he went on, "I love all this. It is all the joy and fun of fight and it's what I like." Whereupon some one shouted: "Yes and you will have to fight this time too."

At Camberwell, Lord Newton asked: "What is the actual situation?" Some one promptly replied, "Helping landlords and brewers," but the climax came when his Lordship asked, "If a Peer myself, for instance, makes an ass of himself, is it open to the commons to say that members of the House of Peers are all asses?"

The audience laughed too heartily to reply. Lord Harris, endeavoring to speak at a tariff reform meeting at Sheerness, found the opposition too strong and ultimately left the hall in indignation. As a rule, however, the peers are making a far better show than most people expected.

"Punch" hits off the situation by a central cartoon today, picturing a crowd of workmen outside a factory, faced by the noblest of nobles, with wording below the cartoon is as follows:

"Average peer on stump." "Ladies and Gentlemen."

"British workmen in audience to those around: 'Ulllo, mates, where's the sinister eye and the venomous maw and bloodstained dagger, same as in papers?'"

The cartoon is headed "Dis-illusioned."

### Pensions for Employees

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—One of the first of the large surface transit lines in the United States to follow the example of several of the railroads and large industrial corporations and adopt a pension system is the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, which today announced the adoption of such a system for its veteran employees. The road employs 13,000 men, and a large number are said to be in line for participation in the benefits of the plan.

### Going to Alberta

CALGARY, Dec. 15.—Washington when kings who have made fortunes in the United States in land values, that state are now quietly selling their Washington holdings and purchasing heavily in Southern Alberta. Sam Drumheller, one of the heaviest wheat raisers in Washington, recently secured 6,000 acres in Bow Valley, and will develop the same into a bonanza wheat farm. Drumheller's profit from wheat raising alone will annually return him the price of the land, and in a few years the land will sell at double or treble the price paid for it.



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## VICTORIANS WED IN TERMINAL CITY

Marriage of Miss Hickey and  
Mr. Harvey Takes Place  
in Vancouver

At Christ church, Vancouver, yesterday, at 10 a.m., Miss Gertrude Hickey and Mr. Arthur Weldon Harvey, both of Victoria, were united in marriage by the Rev. C. C. Owen.

The bride was supported by her sister, Miss Violet, and Mr. E. P. Colley attended the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her father, and many old friends of the family extended congratulations. The presents were numerous and costly. Mrs. Holt, sister of the bride was the hostess at the wedding breakfast, which was held at the Hotel Vancouver.

After the ceremony the happy pair left by the Seattle steamer en route to California, where they will spend the next three months, and will subsequently take up their residence in Victoria.

## TWO VICTORIES FOR THE NORTH WARDS

The J. B. A. A. and North Ward intermediate and junior basketball teams met last evening at the latter's hall, he Wards won the first mentioned by the overwhelming score of 54 to 4 points. In the junior competition, also, the Wards were successful, running up a total score of 23 to the James Bays 11. In the intermediate match the North Ward five was composed of the following: Guards, Sweeney and Hillier; centre, Tory; forwards, McGregor and Taylor. Every man took a hand in the point-getting, Sweeney making 4; Hillier, 2; Tory, 2; McGregor, 16, and Taylor, 10. The Bays were represented by Scott and Roberts, guards; Turner, centre; Hall and Thomas, forwards. Of the four points made by the five, Turner totalled 2 and Thomas the same number.

## LOCAL TWELVE TO DEFEND THE CUP

"With the exception of Alex Turnbull our team will be the same as represented us last year and you may take it from me that we will hold the Minto cup against all comers."

ing their own against the finest aggregation that could be assembled within the Dominion.

### Contract for Bungalow.

Mr. W. V. Josephs is about to erect a bungalow on Adelaide street, and has awarded the contract to D. H. Bale.

### To Again Stand

The reeve and council of North Saanich have consented to stand for re-election. As there are many important works progressing, this is regarded as highly favorable, they being thoroughly conversant with conditions throughout the municipality. Reeve Sinclair's name will be placed in nomination despite his absence in Scotland on a visit.

## RAILWAYS SEEK HARBOR FRONTAGE

Understood That Options Have  
Been Taken Upon Water-  
front Property

The time for receiving tenders for the G.T.P. wharf in this city has been extended until Dec. 27th.

The plans have been but slightly modified it is understood but nothing definite will be decided upon until this evening.

It is stated that the Canadian Northern Railway company holds an option upon harbor frontage beyond Laurel Point and that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway are also negotiating for water frontage in the same district.

One railway has an option upon the Raymour property upon the inner harbor for \$100,000 which expires on Monday.

## TELEPHONE CABLE IS OUT OF ORDER

Break Near San Juan Island  
Cuts Victoria Off From Van-  
couver and Other Points

It is impossible for Victorians to communicate with Vancouver or any point on the mainland by long-distance telephone. A break was reported yesterday between Telegraph and Andrews bay on San Juan Island is out of commission. What was the cause of the trouble or exactly where it is details that haven't yet been discovered and it is expected that it will be some days before it will be possible to halt the "hello girl" at Vancouver from the Island.

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R. B. McMicking, manager of the local branch of the B. C. Telephone company said yesterday that the necessary steps to repair the line had been taken by Vancouver officials. Possibly it would be necessary to pick up a part of the cable. In that event it was probable that it would take longer than at present anticipated to re-open communication. A tug was being engaged on the mainland and it would be despatched, with the required equipment, to make investigation and to take what action was needed to put the cable in proper shape.

That the city is growing faster than ever in its history is testified to by Mr. McMicking who backs up the statement with the declaration that during the past two or three months more private telephones have been installed here than in a similar period for years. No less than two hundred additional instruments are in operation as a result of the orders received in that time. The majority were being placed in such practically new residential districts as Fairview and the north end. From indications it was likely that the same conditions would continue for some time.

It is said that Battling Nelson is going to meet Freddie Welsh, the British lightweight champion, in England, next February.

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Hat Pins, from ..... 25c  
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Pencils, from ..... 50c  
Combs, from ..... 75c  
Bracelets, from ..... 40c  
Watch Chains, from ..... \$2.05  
Chain Purses, from ..... \$3.40  
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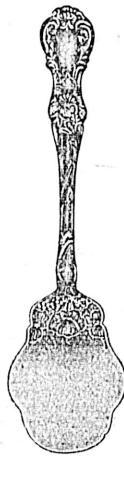
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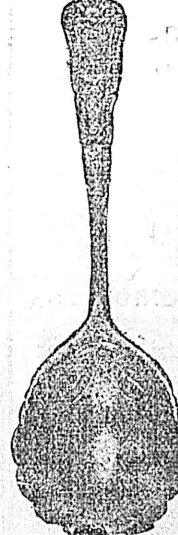
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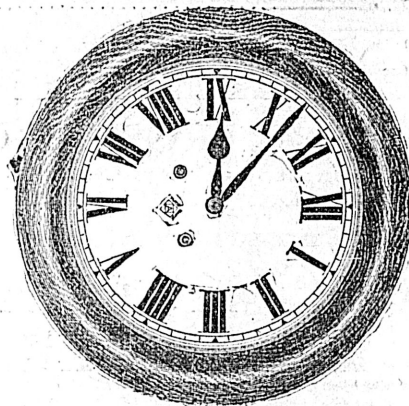
Ladies' Long Chains, from ..... \$2.95  
Men's Watch Chains, from ..... \$1.00  
Bracelets, from ..... \$2.70  
Bracelets, for Children, from ..... \$1.80  
Cuff Links, from ..... \$1.00  
Shirt Studs, from ..... 25c  
Collar Buttons, from ..... 15c  
Earrings, from ..... 35c  
Locketts, from ..... 75c  
Brooches, from ..... 25c  
Pins, Baby, from, three for ..... 25c  
Pins, Cuff, from, three for ..... 25c  
Pins, Veil, from ..... 35c  
Pins, Safety, from, two for ..... 25c  
Scarf Pins, from ..... 50c  
Hat Pins, from ..... 25c  
Blouse Sets, from, per set ..... 25c  
Back Combs, from ..... \$2.50  
Belt Buckles, from ..... \$1.35  
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Cuff Links, Stone Set, from ..... \$2.50  
Plain Necklets, from ..... \$17.00  
Pearl Necklets, from ..... \$2.25  
Earrings, from ..... \$4.00  
Locketts, from ..... \$3.00  
Locketts, Stone Set, from ..... \$5.75  
Rings, Signet, from ..... \$2.50  
Rings, Stone Set, from ..... \$1.60  
Brooches, from ..... \$1.65  
Pins, Veil, from ..... \$3.00  
Pins, Baby, from ..... 75c  
Hat Pins, from ..... \$2.00  
Scarf Pins, from ..... \$1.35  
Rings, Keeper, from ..... \$1.35  
Heart Charms for Necklets, from ..... \$1.35  
Pocket Knives, from ..... \$3.00  
Pencils, from ..... \$2.00  
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Blouse Sets, from ..... \$3.50  
Belt Buckles, from ..... \$20.00  
Chain Purses, from ..... \$62.00



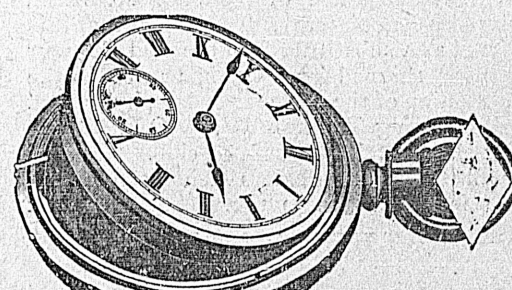
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## ADDRESSES JAMES BAY ELECTORS

W. E. Oliver Explains His Platform as Candidate for Mayorality

The ratepayers of the James Bay district met in the South Park school last night to hear W. E. Oliver explain his civic platform. The chair was occupied by P. J. Riddell, the meeting being in sympathy with the candidate. The chairman in opening the meeting said there were several reasons why Victoria should elect Mr. Oliver as its next mayor. He was a practical business man, and a strong man in the sense in which a public man should be strong. He had ability, personal

magnetism, and was persuasive in argument. His record as reeve of Oak Bay was proof of all these points. He then introduced the speaker.

### A Citizen of Victoria

Mr. Oliver commenced by explaining why he put himself forward. Although he lived in Oak Bay his business interests were entirely in the city, he was a property owner in Victoria as well as in Oak Bay, and when abroad he always represented himself as a citizen of Victoria. He enlarged on the fact that Victoria's prosperity was bound up with that of the surrounding districts, and that anything which helped the one assisted the other. In his canvass he had found some ratepayers who laid stress on ward interests. He would make no promises in regard to any of these. If elected it would be as mayor of Victoria, and his aim would be to do the best he could for the whole city. There were numerous matters besides those of water and streets, which he looked upon as the two principle civic problems, but these could not be discussed without full knowledge of the facts. The proper place to discuss them was in the council, and even more in committee. The

man who would pledge himself to do so and so, in such matters was in a sense dishonest, because he might be pledging himself to do something which he knew the council would not agree to, and in any case no man should pledge himself to any specific action, until he knew all the details upon which such action would be based.

### Beacon Hill Park

As an instance, Mr. Oliver referred to the controversy in regard to the granting of certain privileges to a bowling club in Beacon Hill Park. So far as the grant of that ground to the city was concerned he believed that the Hon. J. S. Helmecken's position was unassailable, but it did not appear that the bowling club had been granted anything but a revocable privilege. At the same time he thought that the city should not grant any further privileges rashly. In regard to matters such as local option and the board of control, he did not see the need for the mayorality should be tested by his views on these matters. As to the former it was a matter for the provincial government to say whether or not municipalities should have the right to decide on such matters for themselves. The duty of a mayor and council was to take facts as they were and carry out the law. The whole matter of civic government was one of business, and business entirely, and if elected he would do his best to conduct civic affairs in a business like fashion.

Mr. Oliver then went fully into his two plans of water and streets. He maintained that the whole question of a sufficient and constant water supply in all its bearings should be placed before the people; all the facts in the possession of anyone should be given them and then their desire should be carried out by the council. His own solution of the problem to which he was not wedded unless the people were in favor of it, was that of a water board. He explained how this would, in his opinion, solve the question completely, and would avoid the clashing of interests which must inevitably ensue were each of the different districts contiguous to Victoria to decide the question for themselves.

### Plans for Streets

In the matter of road work, Mr. Oliver deprecated public criticism of the engineer's work. Blame, if any, attached to his masters, the council, just as blame for any employee's act was properly chargeable to his employer. Mr. Oliver acknowledged having had casual advice on engineering matters in connection with the Oak Bay municipality from the city engineer, and had always found the advice good.

Discussing the policy which should be followed in regard to local improvement works, Mr. Oliver declared that the council should decide upon a grading of streets along the line of the city, which were strictly main thoroughfares, those which really benefited only the residents along them, and others which were betwixt and between. His own idea was that the cost of improvements on the main thoroughfares would be borne half and half by the city and the owners, while on what might be called private streets the cost should be borne wholly by the property owners. The trouble had largely been that the city had laid down principles with the best of intentions but had not adhered to them. Instead of attending to the main highways of traffic first these had often been neglected and time and labor expended on back streets.

It was ridiculous, Mr. Oliver said, the way the council dealt with pavement materials. Now one day gravel, and again, night after night, time was spent discussing what class of pavement should be laid here or there. This was not a matter for the council to decide, but for its engineer, who must know the best class of pavement for different thoroughfares.

In reply to a question, Mr. Oliver expressed himself as heartily in favor of an independent audit of the city accounts. He also favored the abolition of the wards and the election of aldermen by the city at large.

Councillor Newton, of Oak Bay, as an elector of Victoria believed that the city would do well to elect Mr. Oliver whose work in the suburban municipality had been most successful. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and endorsement of Mr. Oliver's candidature.

## MORE CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL

Eight Per Cent. Increase in Province in a Twelve-month

It is significant of the rapid advance of British Columbia in population that in the school year terminating on the 30th June last, an increase in public school attendance throughout the province of not less than three thousand—or more than eight per cent. in the twelve-month—was noted in the routine reports to the Education Department for the period in question. This, it may be noted, is a record in growth for British Columbia.

From every part of the province, it may be mentioned in illustration of the general growth of the country, requests are coming in for enlarged accommodations, the standard two-room school requiring conversion into a three-room institution, and the principle being indefinitely extended. The rural schools would seem to have developed attendance in even more rapid ratio than the city districts. It is significant that the system adopted some few years ago, by which the local boards in reality fixed salaries, is working out to the very marked advantage of education generally, and of the salary standard particularly in British Columbia. The average of teachers' salaries it is true is not yet quite equal to that paid in the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, but there are compensating advantages in British Columbia for any minor difference, as a result of which this province draws more experienced teachers from the adjacent provinces than they do from British Columbia. The low wage scale in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick, at the same time is throwing to British Columbia a considerable percentage of the very best pedagogues of the Maritime provinces. When holiday periods and all other incidental considerations are taken into account, the standard of salaries here at the present time may fairly be regarded as appropriate to the emoluments in any kindred profession. Under the revised school law the province gives a standard salary to school teachers of \$450 per annum. After this, it is arranged that for all additional salary granted by the local boards, the province meets the local-



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75c., 50c. and ..... 25c.  
Infants' Shoes and Slippers, made  
of white wool, prettily edged  
with sky and pink fringe, 30c.  
65c. and ..... 35c.  
Infants' Slippers in pink, sky and  
white satin, \$1.00 and ..... 75c.  
Infants' Puff boxes and brushes,  
45c. and ..... 25c.  
Infants' White Wool Mitts, hand-  
made, 35c. and ..... 15c.  
Infants' Bonnets, in white silk,  
trimmed with swansdown and  
heavy ruching, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25,  
90c. and ..... 65c.  
Infants' Shortening Dresses in  
white, lawn and nainsook, at  
\$2.25, \$2.75, \$2.25, \$1.75, \$1.50,  
\$1.25 and ..... 90c.  
Infants' China Silk Frocks, trim-  
med with fine valencienne lace,  
\$4.25, \$3.50, \$2.75, \$2.50 and ..... \$2.25  
Children's White Woolen Overalls,  
with and without feet, 90c. and 75c.  
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Dresses, trimmed with lace and  
embroidery (three to ten years)  
\$6.50, \$5.50, \$5.00, \$4.50, \$4.00,  
down to ..... \$2.25

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Dresses, trimmed with lace and  
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\$5.50, \$4.50, \$3.50 to ..... \$2.25  
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years) at \$7.50, \$6.50, \$4.50, \$4.00,  
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\$3.50 and ..... \$2.25  
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cream (3 to 7 years) \$5.50, \$5.00,  
\$4.50 and ..... \$3.50  
Children's Cream Serge Coats (2 to  
3 years) \$5.50, \$4.75, \$4.25 and \$3.75  
Children's Bonnets and Hats, in  
felt, bearskin and silk, \$2.25,  
\$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 and ..... 75c.  
Children's Cloth Gaiters, in navy,  
cardinal and fawn (2 to 5  
years) at per pair ..... 50c.  
Children's Pinafores of White  
Nainsook, trimmed with lace and  
embroidery, sizes 6 months to 8  
years, 90c., 75c., 50c., 35c. and ..... 25c.  
Children's Socks, in silk (white  
only) at ..... 50c.  
Children's Socks, open work, cash-  
mere, in white and tan, per  
pair ..... 25c.  
Children's Stockings (6 months to  
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silk, pink, blue, black, white and  
tans, per pair, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c.  
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ties interested, dollar for dollar, up to a minimum of \$100. The result is that while the salary scale is increased everywhere, the aggregate charge upon the province is reduced rather than increased, while the standard of quality and salary is improved.

### THEIR OWN POST OFFICE

Increase of Business of the Province Necessitates a Change.

New arrangements for the distribution of mail at the Provincial government buildings are now about completed, which will reduce this detail of the work "across James Bay" to a system not heretofore known.

In the past the mail department has been located after in its entirety by Chief Janitor Ryan, and that this has been no security may be gathered from the fact that in the one month of September last—a standard month if one excepts those during which the House is in session, when of course the volume of mail matter is much heavier than usual—no fewer than seventeen thousand letters were deposited in the several departments, as well as 21,600 lbs. of miscellaneous printed matter.

The practice of the past has been for the chief janitor to take the mail from the general post office and distribute it to the various departments. Hereafter a minute post office located in the basement will be the distribution point. This has just been fitted up with all the necessary paraphernalia of sorting tables, stamping forms, etc., together with about 75 lock boxes for the ministers of the several departments, all harmoniously fitted in antique oak. Here mails will be received and distributed, the postal work being thereby infinitely simplified. A special postal clerk will probably be necessitated in the near future, as the postal business of the government is increasing daily, and is at present sufficient to keep a clerk busy.

The telephone system for the government buildings has recently been reorganized also, an exchange being placed at the main entrance, with an incidental public pay station, and some ninety three calls within the buildings, two operators from the central exchange of the British Columbia Telephone Co. being constantly on duty.

The organization of the allied services will tend toward marked improvement.

### SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THE VACATION

Closing Exercises in Several of the City Schools Tomorrow.

Tomorrow the schools close for the Christmas vacation. The two weeks of holidays that are usually enjoyed the most in the year by the schoolchildren begin and the daily routine that has been maintained since the long vacation, suffers a sensible break. School open January 3.

There are men who don't believe in holidays. Russell Sage didn't. Well, Russell Sage made money. Russell Sage couldn't enjoy the spending of it, and has occasioned one little woman, his widow, a great deal of worry and anxiety in finding the best means of disposing of it. Anyway Russell Sage never said he didn't approve of Christmas holidays for schoolchildren and what is more to the purpose, the school authorities of British Columbia never endorsed any statement to such effect that he may have made, and so some thousands of children are happy. They are going to have closing exercises in most of the schools. The closing exercises of South Park

## FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the more important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published, and will be ore fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

The securing of Sooke as a water supply.  
The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department.  
The stricter guarding of public morals.  
A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.  
A. HENDERSON.

school will begin in the assembly room at half past nine tomorrow morning, and at 11 o'clock the little ones of Kingston street school will entertain their parents and friends at the same place.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given by present and former pupils of the North Ward school in the assembly hall of that school the same day. The entertainment will consist of vocal and instrumental selections, choruses, dialogues, fancy drills, etc. The price of admission is: Adults, 25c; children, 15c. The proceeds will go into a fund for the purchase of a piano for the school.

### ON ARCHAEOLOGY

Professor Tells of Remains of Hittites Discovered.

Lecturing at the Royal Victoria College last week on the subject of Hittite discoveries, David G. Hogarth, A.M., of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University, a famous archaeologist, said that the territory most productive is a strip of land extending from Mesopotamia on the east of the islands of the Aegean Sea and Crete. Photographs and reproductions of the various figures of Hittite archaeology were then thrown on the screen by means of a lantern and the salient features were explained to the audience. There was the prominent nose and similar shoe-gear on almost all of the figures and there was also noticeable the pointed cranium and the short skirt.

The speaker went on to show bas-reliefs of figures which were supposed to be those of royal personages each standing upon a lion. The various hieroglyphics in use in ancient days and which were used as a means of communication were also shown. Some records supposed to be the originals of treaties between the Hittites and the Babylonians were reproduced as well.

At the conclusion of his lecture Mr. Hogarth said that the establishment of constitutional government in Turkey had not resulted in the advantages to archaeologists that had been expected owing to complications in the formation of the new government.

### Brakemen on Car Tops

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The advisability of making an order against brakemen riding on top of light cars will be discussed between representatives of the railways and the railway commission at the traffic sittings here next month.

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#### THE INNER HARBOR.

The importance of the proposition advanced in the Colonist a few days ago as to the immediate need of enlarging the navigable area of the inner harbor, is admitted by everyone. We hope there will be united effort to secure an appropriation during the present session for the removal of the rocks lying on the east side of the Songhees Reserve. The estimated cost \$225,000, is not large in consideration of the very great benefit that would result from it, and at any rate it would only be the anticipation of appropriations that will have to be made in the near future.

Victorians have reached a new stage in the progress of the city, and they will have to look at things in rather a different light from what they have hitherto regarded them. Especially will they have to act together on all matters relating to public conveniences, such as facilities for railways and steamships. The problems that will arise will not be wholly without difficulty, owing to physical conditions and the policy of give and take may have to be adopted in more than one direction. In one view the most important question just now is that referred to above. It is something which cannot be deferred to a future date. It ought to be taken up at once and pushed through with vigor and determination. The citizens will get powerful backing in such an attempt.

#### A SUGGESTION

We print the following suggestion without endorsing it, but solely because others, besides the gentleman with whom it originated, may think it possesses merit. As is generally known, the city owns Cedar Hill, or Mount Douglas as it is more properly to be called. It has a fine gravelly slope, and it is well out of the way of any area that is likely ever to become residential in an urban sense. The suggestion is that the city should open a new cemetery there. If this idea were acted on, it would be necessary to secure the extension of the tramway line, but there would be no difficulty on that score; but it would also necessitate the use of the tramway for funerals, which probably would be objectionable to many people. However, we have no intention of discussing the question just now. The suggestion has been made and we pass it on to the citizens.

#### REMAKING BRITAIN

Editor Macdonald, of the Toronto Globe, combines with his journalist skill an unusual degree of force as a speaker. He was a guest at the annual dinner of the Canadian Society in New York and, speaking in reply to a toast, ventured to predict a popular triumph for the common people in the struggle now on, and said that the result would be an onward step in popular government. The dispatches quote him as saying: "In our own generation we have seen all the political, industrial, economic and social remaking of a nation, and the glory of the second house will be greater than the first." This is not very explicit, but in so far as it may be taken to mean a belief that Britain will rise stronger and better out of the present and all other crises that may arise, Mr. Macdonald expresses the hope and confident expectation of all Canadians.

Differ as we may among ourselves as to the wisdom of the Budget, the powers of the House of Lords, the merits of tariff reform, we are as one in our faith in the ability of the British people to solve every problem that is submitted to them, and in our certainty that, while we may not be able to see the end from the beginning, the course of British national evolution is certain in the end to lead to the best results.

#### PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

Sir Lomer Gouin is going to visit Sir James Whitney. Sir Lomer is Premier of Quebec, Sir James is Premier of Ontario. We all know what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina, but there is a good deal of speculation just now as to what these premiers will say to each other. Certain correspondents claim that very serious questions will be discussed, and that in all probability, a conference of provincial premiers will be called for the purpose of considering them.

Certain very serious differences have arisen under the British North America Act. That piece of legislation was drawn with a great deal of skill; but the draughtsmen could not foresee all the questions of jurisdiction which have arisen. Among the open questions are those relating to the powers of companies. For in-

stance, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick has said it appeared to him "impossible to maintain that a provincial legislature, if it can deal with the incorporation of insurance companies at all, can create a company with powers co-extensive with those conferred by the Dominion. The Dominion Government and the Provincial Legislature cannot both occupy the same legislative field at the same time." The view has the support of eminent jurists, but the majority of the Supreme Court held the contrary view. A direct collision has occurred between the legislature of Ontario and Parliament over the use of water rights to supply power for use in both Canada and the United States. Another question has arisen under some Manitoba legislation, which is said to trench upon the provisions of the Banking Act. In addition to these there are others, in some of which our own province is directly interested. There are many reasons why all these open questions should be disposed of as soon as possible, and the fact that the Quebec Premier is to open the discussion of them is taken as indicating that the Ottawa ministry is favorable to action to that end.

#### AT, KAMLOOPS

The delegates who attended the Conservative convention at Kamloops speak in the highest possible terms of the hospitality and attention shown them by the people of that city. They say that their friends in the Interior have set the people of the Coast a high standard by the generous spirit exhibited. The tales they tell of the manner in which they were entertained certainly are of something that would we fear be difficult to reproduce in either Victoria or Vancouver.

#### IS HE A FAKER?

The New York Times last week published affidavits from George H. Dunkle, an insurance broker, and August Wedel Loose, a sea captain, to the effect that they faked Dr. Cook's "observations," by which he sought to establish his claim to have reached the North Pole, and that they were to have received \$4000 for their work if the University of Copenhagen accepted the documents as proof of Dr. Cook's claims. They allege that the Doctor had paid them \$260 up to the time of his recent disappearance. Accompanying the affidavits is a fac simile reproduction in Dr. Cook's handwriting of his instructions to Captain Loose. The Captain says he furnished the Doctor with the following:

- 1—Twenty-four altitudes for latitude sights.
- 2—One chart covering route from Svarveaag to the Pole, with all of Dr. Cook's assumed positions marked upon it.
- 3—Complete observations for time and chronometer rate, as they might have been taken by stars at Anorotok and Svarveaag, probably thirty in all.
- 4—Diagrams for compass errors and correction at different points.
- 5—Calculations for longitude, about twenty in all.
- 6—Sixteen observations as they could have been taken at the North Pole, in two sets, eight with depression of Pole considered and eight with depression ignored.
- 7—Bowditch's complete nautical tables.
- 8—Anfinson's tables for correction of altitudes of heavenly bodies.
- 9—American Nautical Almanac for several years.
- 10—Lloyd's calendar of 1908.
- 11—Three admiralty charts, covering Smith Sound and the Polar regions, Nos. 260, 274, and 275.
- 12—One Bliss almanac of 1908.
- 13—One Negus almanac of 1907.

The Times says it has carefully followed the doings of Dunkle and Loose, and has established that they purchased the books and charts referred to, and that they were on very intimate terms with Dr. Cook. Captain Loose, in his story expresses his scorn of Dr. Cook's claims, laughs at his ignorance of the simplest essentials for accurate observations in the Arctic regions, and describes at length how working backward from the Pole, he calculated observations that would fit in with Cook's narrative, and coached him on the necessary modifications of the latter—as for example, "that he must be sure to record that he rose before 4:15 o'clock on a certain morning, because it was at that hour that a certain star (mentioned in one of Loose's calculations) would be visible." Mr. Dunkle describes the inception of the enterprise: how from the newspapers they gathered that Dr. Cook was in deep water, and inferred that he would be glad to pay for help; how Dunkle got John R. Bradley, Cook's backer, to introduce him. "The story of both men is told with the greatest circumstantiality, and the fact that it appears in a paper of such standing as the New York Times is prima facie evidence that it is genuine. Meanwhile, Dr. Cook has disappeared from the public view."

Winnipeg knows when she has a good thing, and so Mayor Evans has been re-elected, which is as it ought to be.

It is announced that the Canadian Northern will have two freight steamers in addition to two passenger steamers on the Atlantic.

Courts refused application of Toronto barrister to grant injunction compelling newspaper not to omit his name from reports of legal proceedings.

The prompt action of the provincial government in dealing with the Skeena Indians seems to have restored conditions to their usual order. Congratulations to Mr. Mailland Douglass are in order.

The Minister of Railways gave a quietus in parliament to all talk of

the sale of the Intercolonial to a private company by declaring it to be the policy of the government to own, improve and operate that railway.

Mr. Balfour takes the position that no such measure as the Budget should be passed without a two-thirds vote of both Houses of Parliament in its favor. Mr. Balfour is out-radicaling the Radicals.

The Mail and Empire says that twelve Quebec Liberals will follow Mr. Monk in opposition to the Canadian naval plans. What we would like to understand in this connection is where such papers as the Mail and Empire stand on the matter of naval defence. So far they seem to be simply in opposition.

Through an unfortunate error a report of the Home Nursing Society's meeting on Monday appeared in the Colonist yesterday under the caption of "The Friendly Help Society." A full report of the meeting of the Home Nursing Society will appear in next Sunday's Colonist.

A praiseworthy effort is being made in Toronto to provide Christmas presents for all destitute children under twelve years of age. Up to the night of December 9th the names of 2,743 such children had been enrolled. The merchants and citizens generally are responding promptly to calls for contributions.

Stovaine is the name of a new anaesthetic. It is injected into the spinal cord. It produces insensibility to pain without loss of consciousness, nausea or headache. The claim is made that it is perfectly harmless, but the statement is made that physicians are not quite satisfied on this point.

The revenue of the City of Montreal amounts to the great sum of \$6,000,000, of which \$3,574,459 are collected on real property valued at \$332,300,208, of which \$68,419,083 is exempt from taxation. The remainder of the six millions is made up from water rates, business taxes, licenses, street railway percentages and so on.

The estimated revenue of the United States for the current year is \$648,000,000. With a population that must be 12 times as great as that of Canada, the Republic has only 6½ times as much income. As in both cases the greater part of the income is derived from a tariff on imports, the comparison is very suggestive.

Sir Grey Skipton, a Conservative candidate for Parliament is quoted as saying that if Mr. Asquith is sustained at the elections, he (Sir Grey) will welcome the conquest of Britain by the Germans, and will not raise a hand to prevent it. A more striking exhibition of the length of which partisanship will carry a man can hardly be imagined.

The revenue of the Dominion is certainly very buoyant. Mr. Fielding thinks it will be \$100,000,000 next year. In addition to expending this the government will borrow an unstated number of millions for the National Transcontinental railway. The Colonist is not given to objecting to a policy of liberal expenditure for the public services, but it ventures to suggest that a search warrant might well be issued for the discovery of the policy of retrenchment, which the Liberals promised when they came into power.

Dr. Sproule said an amusing thing in Parliament the other day. He had been pressing Mr. Pugsley to tell him what a vote for Montreal harbor was to be expended on, and Mr. Pugsley was not disposed to be communicative, whereupon the Doctor said that the Minister of Public Works was violating all precedent. "When we ask other members for information, we get it, although we are afraid to ask the Minister for Agriculture, for when he starts in to give information, he usually takes up the rest of the night." Little things like this soften the asperities of politics.

The Ottawa Citizen, which is a very strong believer in the desirability of tariff reform in the United Kingdom, takes much the same position as the Colonist when it says that at the forthcoming elections it will be impossible to present a clear cut issue between protection and free trade. It says the elections have been sprung upon the people; but for this the Protectionists have the Marquis of Lansdowne to thank. If the plan advocated by Lord Courtenay, and referred to in the Colonist yesterday, had been followed by the Lords, the next election would have been a fair trial between the two great economic principles.

The Busy Man's Magazine says that Miss Margaret Anglin is "of Ottawa by birth, but of New Brunswick by residence and nativity." Since the young lady, who said that she had no native place because her father was a Methodist minister, there has been no more extraordinary case than that of the talented Canadian actress. Possibly, however, she was born again when her father went to Ottawa as Speaker of the Senate. As a matter of fact, Miss Anglin is a native of St. John, where her father was for years editor and proprietor of a newspaper known as The Freeman, in the editorial columns of which his brilliant and incisive pen discussed public questions without fear or favor.

Uncle—"I hope you've been a good boy, Tommy."  
Tommy—"Well, no—I haven't."  
Uncle—"Dear, dear, I hope you haven't been very bad."  
Tommy—"No! Just comfortable!"  
—London Opinion.

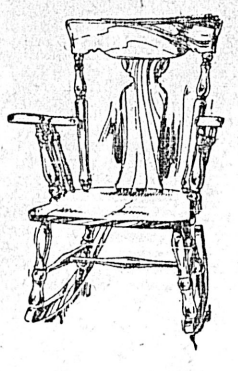
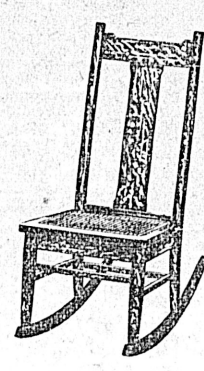
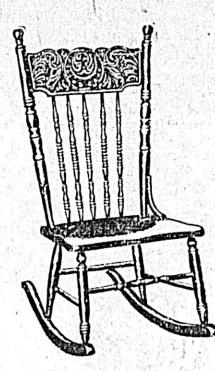
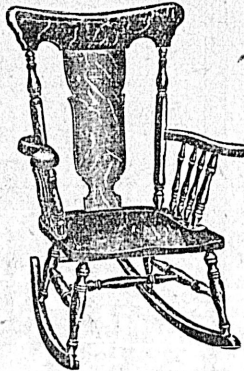
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Of course we have others at much higher prices—upholstered styles. In leather we show some exceptionally fine creations.

### Just Seven More Shopping Days—You'll Have to Hurry

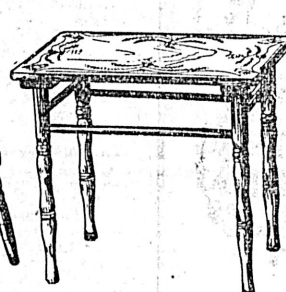
JUST a clear week of shopping days left—7 short days in which to crowd your holiday shopping. As the day grows nearer the shopping crowds increase, and the choosing is made more difficult and less of a pleasure. Our advice is, "Come in today—this morning."

There will be no better time—none better for either you or us. We can give you better service and offer you better assortments, and altogether please you better if you come in today. Don't miss the magnificent showing of china, cut glass and silverware—by far the finest display we have ever had.

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Ink Stands  
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Cut Glass Decanters  
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Cellarettes  
Magazine Stands  
Smokers' Cabinets  
Smokers' Sets  
Shaving Mirrors  
Shaving Brushes  
Shaving Mugs  
Office Desks  
Sectional Bookcases  
Card Tables  
Willow Easy Chairs  
Foot Rests  
Morris Chairs  
Easy Chairs  
Couches  
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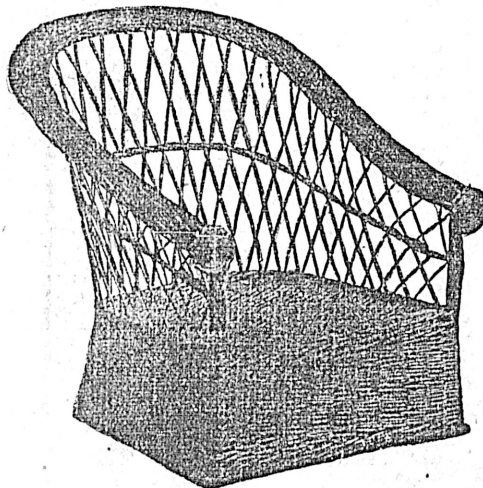
Many other offerings for children here. Chief perhaps are the many little chairs and rockers in wood and reed. Shown on fourth floor.

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English Willow Styles from \$10



#### Here Is an Ideal Easy Chair

A Christmas gift of one of these most comfortable Easy Chairs would certainly be timely. Coming at the height of the winter season—the time for books and much indoor life. And there is no other chair that can excel it in comfort.

Great, roomy, comfortable styles, they please all. Little folk can nestle in them, and those of liberal proportions find them amply roomy.

We show several sizes, and we have them upholstered and otherwise. Come in and choose your own covering if you wish one upholstered. An efficient staff ready to execute your requirements in upholstery.

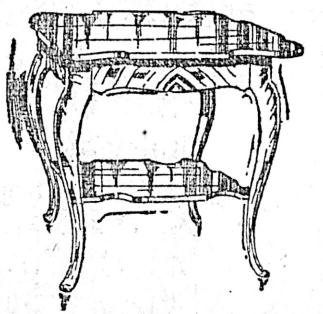
Chairs at from \$14.00 to ..... \$10.00  
UPHOLSTERED, from \$14.00 to ..... \$22.00

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### Wicker Sewing or Work Baskets

One of These Would Please a Woman

Wicker Sewing or Work Baskets—an idea for a woman's gift. These are the "stand" style—basket with shelf beneath. One would be much prized by any woman—and very much so by any who is fond of sewing.

Three attractive styles shown on the fourth floor—priced at \$6.50 and \$5.50.

Many splendid Wicker Chair styles are also shown on this floor—chairs that would make ideal gifts.

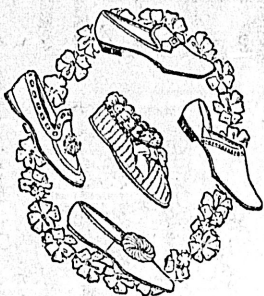
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## SITES ON FORT STREET RESOLD

Office Building With Stores on Ground Floor To Be Erected

The western half of the property on Fort street lying between the new Pemberton block and the Brown Jug saloon was resold yesterday to a syndicate which intends erecting a large office building, with stores on the ground floor, probably composed of six or eight storeys.

Among other deals recorded yesterday were: The Belcher street tennis courts, purchased by W. T. Williams; the corner lot and a half of Pembroke and Douglas streets sold by Eli Harrison for \$7,500; a property on Blanchard street sold to the Island Investment Company for \$3,000, and a forty five foot lot on Douglas street purchased for \$2,000.

## OBITUARY NOTICES

Clark

The death of Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Clark, late of Lytton, B.C., and a native of Brampton, Ont., occurred on Tuesday last at the Jubilee hospital. The late lady was 56 years of age. The body was removed to the B. C. Funeral Furnishing parlors pending arrangements for the funeral.

Scales

The funeral of the late Clifford Mitchell Scales took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company, Rev. John Grundy officiating.

Dougall.

The death occurred yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital of Frederick Dougall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dougall, of Burdette avenue. Deceased was 38 years of age and a native of Victoria. He leaves besides his father and mother a brother, John Dougall, and a son, Frederick. The body has been removed to the Victoria Undertaking Parlors, from where the funeral will take place tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

## ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Provincial Premiers and Ministers Meet—Talk of Another Inter-Provincial Conference.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, his secretary, L. P. Geoffrion, Hon. L. P. Taschereau, minister of public works and labor, and Dr. John T. Finnie, M.P.P. for the St. James division of Montreal, arrived here yesterday afternoon and were in conference today with the Ontario cabinet over interprovincial matters.

The two Quebec ministers and Dr. Finnie were tendered a luncheon at the parliament buildings by Sir James Whitney and his colleagues in the Ontario cabinet.

At the last interprovincial conference, held at Ottawa, the premiers of Ontario and Quebec were instructed to call the next meeting. Premier Gouin said this morning that another conference next summer had been talked of, and possibly he and Premier Whitney might discuss the matter.

## Fire Damage in Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The fire which last night did damage to the extent of \$25,000 to the premises occupied by White & Co., fruit dealers, Church and Front streets, broke out afresh today and did damage to the extent of \$150,000 before it was under control.

## INDIA-CHINA RAIL ROUTE PROPOSED

Feasible Plan Advanced by Anglo-Indian Official for Railway

By W. Hamilton Rhodes.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—An interesting proposal for the construction of a railway between India and China is advanced by Mr. Noel Williamson, Mr. Williamson is a political officer in the service of the Indian Government, who while stationed in Upper Assam, has found an opportunity for exploring the Lohit branch of the Brahmaputra up to the Tibetan frontier. He found no serious natural difficulties in the way of his progress up the Lohit Valley, and believes it would be an easy matter as a beginning, to connect India with the borders of Southeastern Tibet by a good mule track. The distance from the plains of Assam to the border of Tibet is less than fifty miles in a straight line and little more than a hundred miles by the river valley. The route traverses a country occupied by quiet, peaceable people, who look to the Indian Government as the paramount power, and the route could be constructed not only at comparatively little cost but without risk of tribal unrest.

The highest altitude occurs in the outer (or first) range of hills, where there is a rise of 4,500 feet, after which no high altitudes obstruct the way. The banks of the river appear specially suited to serve as a trade route. Large flat tiers running parallel to the Lohit, with easily surmounted spurs extending to the river itself, rise gradually from an elevation of 1,200 feet near the confluence of the Tidding river with the Lohit to an elevation of 3,100 feet at Sati near the frontier—an ascent of 1,900 feet in seventy miles. In short, the valley offers says Mr. Williamson, a natural highway into Tibet, which only requires the hand of man to render it easily and expeditious.

## Trade Possibilities.

At present trade along the route is infinitesimal. It may reasonably be hoped, however that improved communications would lead to a speedy development. Southeastern Tibet (or the Rong, as the country is called) has no industries because there is no incentive to the development of its resources. A great quantity of wool is wasted annually because there is no market for its sale. This is true not only as regards wool of ordinary quality, but as regards the costly variety called beshin, from which shawls are made. If communications were improved along this natural outlet for the trade of Southeastern Tibet, facilities for export would be brought within the reach of all. Mutual intercourse is impossible at the present moment, because Tibet is a forbidden land, but a good mule path leading down from the frontier of Sadya, a place in close proximity to the terminus of the Dibru-Sadya railway would attract Tibetans to trade in Assam.

Moreover, the Chinese government is known to be taking steps to strengthen its hold on Tibet, and it has been reported that a new Chinese province will shortly be formed out of the Rong. In any case the enterprising Chinese trader may be expected to be keenly alive to the advantages of easy communication with Assam, and Mr. Williamson, in addition to his modest proposal for the opening up of a mule track along the Lohit Valley, emphasizes the fact that so far as engineering obstacles are concerned, the running of a railway up the Lohit towards Sechuan would be a distinctly feasible project.

## Greater Obstacles.

As far as Rima on the Tibetan side of the Frontier, there would be no very serious difficulty in building the line. Beyond that the country is difficult. To reach Sechuan various high passes would have to be crossed, as well as the Salween, Kokoung and Yangtze rivers. This is undoubtedly a formidable array, but obstacles in the way of railway communication between India and China are great by any route. The altitudes of the passes do not represent their heights above the surrounding country, nor are the rivers the giant waterways into which they develop further south. Whatever the cost of the undertaking, Mr. Williamson believes that compensation would be found in the facilities afforded for quick communication between India and Western China.

Such facilities should lead to an enormous expansion of trade between the two countries. At present, exports from India to Sechuan have to be carried by sea to the mouth of the Yangtze and there commence another long and difficult voyage up the river. If Sechuan were placed in direct railway communication with India an immense impetus would be given to the development of the natural resources of the province, one of the richest in China.

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Ladies, Gents and Children's Umbrellas from 75c to \$10.00 each.  
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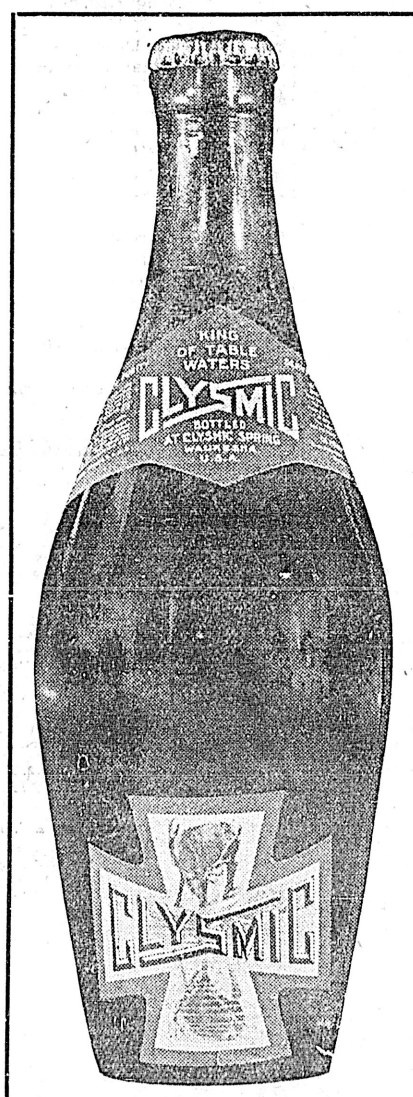
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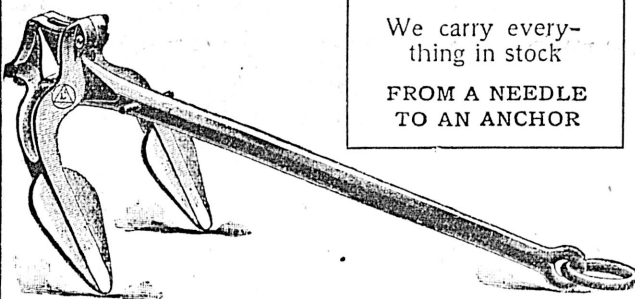
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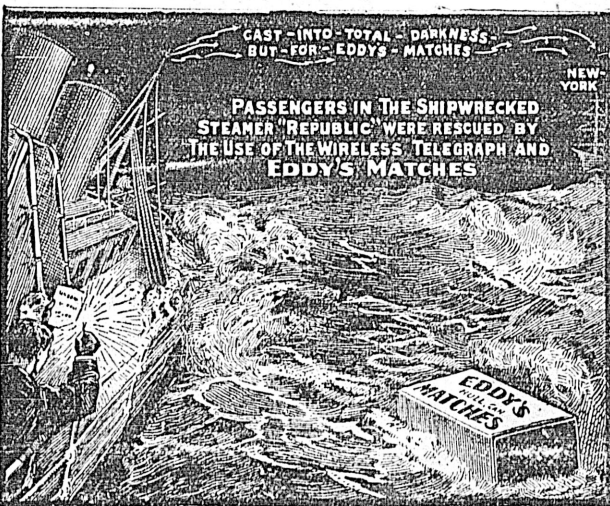


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## NEWS OF THE CITY

### To Represent City at Session.

Mayor Hall and Alderman William Henderson left last evening for Vancouver to attend the sessions of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, which open in that city today.

### Poultry Executive to Meet.

The executive committee of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will meet at Linklater's tailor shop, Broad street, tomorrow evening, the 17th, at 8 p. m. All members of the executive are requested to attend.

### Foresters to Meet.

Court Council 534 of the Canadian Order of Foresters will hold a meeting in the Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street, tonight at 8 o'clock. The business will include the nomination and election of officers.

### St. George's School Closing

"On Tuesday next St. George's school breaks up. The children's Christmas tree will be held at 10 a. m., and in the evening, beginning at 7 o'clock the senior girls will give a performance of "She Stoops to Conquer."

### Ald. Turner's Committee.

At a meeting last evening of the citizens' committee which has in hand the conduct of the candidature of Ald. John A. Turner for Mayor, ex-Mayor C. E. Redfern was appointed chairman and matters of organization were concluded.

### Grace Lutheran Ladies.

The Ladies Society of Grace, Lutheran Church, is serving tea and holding a sale of work this afternoon and evening, at the parsonage, 1602 Quadra street. There will be a musical programme. The proceeds are to go toward a Christmas tree for the children.

### Salvationists' Musicales

The young people of the local corps of the Salvation Army will give a musical and literary entertainment in the Broad street chapel, tonight, commencing at eight o'clock. The selections given will be taken from Salvation Army periodicals. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Mrs. Sergeant-Major Law, the young people's leader, will be in charge of the meeting, which will be interesting to all who attend.

### Debate Tomorrow.

A debate will take place tomorrow evening next in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, it being the second event of the literary committee's programme for the winter. It will commence at 8 o'clock, the subject being, "Resolved that Socialism will be more beneficial for humanity than Capitalism." The speakers for the affirmative will be Messrs. J. L. Martin and E. G. Woodward, while Messrs. E. L. Harris and R. A. Van Munster will defend the negative.

### At Pantages.

Another large house greeted the players at Pantages last night. Mast was subjected to rather a hard test in the shape of leg irons. A soldier from Work Point Barracks brought a pair of Siberian leg irons, and instead of locking them on Mast, the soldier riveted them on in full view of the audience. Mast released himself and was made a present of the irons.

Manager Elwell today overheard a remark while looking at the tank in the window of the B. C. Hardware Co. that the tank in the window was not like it at the theatre fixed. Elwell states that Mast has no tank, and will try the one made by the B. C. Hardware Company and no other. On Friday night two reliable workmen from the B. C. Hardware Co. will solder on the cover after Mast is placed inside of the tank.

### HOCKEY CLUB CONCERT

Highly Successful Affair at the Institute Hall.

An excellent programme excellently performed to an audience as discriminating and enthusiastic as it was large, made last evening's concert of the Victoria Hockey Club an event to be remembered for its musical quality. The scene was Institute Hall, notable for its acoustic qualities, and certainly the music-lovers who assembled there had no occasion for regret but congratulation both upon the quality of the feast and the care bestowed upon the arrangement of the programme, which was notable as illustrating how really good music may at the same time be music appealing to every taste.

The published arrangement of items was faithfully adhered to, while encore extras were graciously accorded in several instances, prolonging the pleasure of those present.

Of the lady vocalists, Mrs. H. C. Briggs was peculiarly well pleasing in the magnificent "Ave Maria" of Mascagni, for which Mr. Benedict Bantly, heard all too seldom as a performer upon the violin, the instrument of his first love, provided the most effective obligato. In response to insistent demands, Mrs. Briggs accorded as an extra the dainty song of "Spring," by Lasser. Miss Emma Sehl, whose pure and fine soprano is well known to Victoria musical folk gave as her solo contribution Johnston's "The Rose, the River and the Sea," also according a pleasing encore item. Miss Sehl was also heard in duet with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Wilson, their selection being "Go, Pretty Rose" (Marzials), supplemented in response to recall, with "Snowdrops." Mr. Frederick Waddington sang very artistically Schumann's "The Blue Grenadiere," a number lending itself especially to such dramatic interpretation as Mr. Waddington is capable of; and Mr. Harry Davis gave "A West County Ballad" (Squire), and "Those Azure Eyes," the latter in response to long-continued applause. The Arion Club double quartette also contributed several distinctly pleasing numbers in most musically fashion.

Of the instrumentalists of the evening, Mrs. Gibson again demonstrated her marked acceptability as a pianist in her interpretation of "Piano" selections (Gounod), and Mr. Benedict Bantly played admirably the first movement of Wieniawski's D minor Concerto. Both the programme and its interpretation were worthy of all praise, while it is occasion for much congratulation to the club interested that the financial results were all that could be hoped for or desired.

Guy Walker finished his contract for the police uniforms ahead of time, and has received payment, not one stitch of alteration being required. Mr. Walker naturally thinks if Sergeant Carson is not too big to handle his millennium is at hand.

## THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 15, 1909.

### SYNOPSIS

The high pressure area still covers the entire North Pacific slope and with its centre over British Columbia, Oregon and Washington continues to be the controlling factor in weather conditions west of the Rockies. Rain has fallen at Port Simpson and light snow at Barkerville and temperatures have remained nearly stationary in most districts. In the Prairie provinces the pressure is decreasing and temperatures are rising; rain is falling at Prince Albert and snow in Manitoba.

### TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	36	42
Vancouver	31	49
Westminster	31	39
Kamloops	26	32
Barkerville	22	30
Fort Simpson	28	40
Atlin	38	31
Dawson, Y. T.	10 below 32	35
Calgary, Alta.	30	41
Winnipeg, Man.	6 below 10	44
Portland, Ore.	34	44
San Francisco	52	62

### FORECASTS

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly and easterly winds, generally fair with stationary or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, chiefly cloudy with fog and not much change in temperature.

### WEDNESDAY

Highest ..... 42  
 Lowest ..... 36  
 Mean ..... 39

### Weekly Weather Synopsis

Victoria Meteorological Office, 8th to 14th December, 1909:

At Victoria there were registered 9 hours 10 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature 49 on 12th; lowest 32 on 14th; rain 2.71 inches.

At Vancouver—Bright sunshine 30 minutes; highest temperature 48 on 12th; lowest 33 on 8th; precipitation 2.34 inches.

At New Westminster—Highest 48 on 12th; lowest 32 on 8th; precipitation 4.49 inches.

At Kamloops—Highest 52 on 12th; lowest 10 on 8th; precipitation 12 inches. At Barkerville—Highest 34 on 12th; lowest 4 on 8th; precipitation 1.80 inches.

Port Simpson—Returns incomplete. At Atlin—Highest 30 on 13th; lowest 34 below zero on 8th; snow 10 inch. At Dawson—Highest 12 below zero on 13th; lowest 14 below zero on 9th; no precipitation.

### A Mendelssohn Evening

The Young People's society of the First Congregational church held a meeting in the schoolroom at which E. Parsons, organist of the Metropolitan church, gave a very enjoyable and instructive lecture on the works and life of Mendelssohn. During the evening vocal and piano solos by Mendelssohn, were given by Mrs. E. Carson, Mrs. Parsons, and Miss Beck.

### ENJOYABLE DANCE OF HOTEL EMPLOYEES

Over 200 Attend Second Entertainment of Local Section of Geneva Association.

One of the most enjoyable dances held in the city for some time took place in the Broad Street Hall last evening when the International Geneva Association held its annual ball which was attended by some 200 people. The room was gaily decorated and the floor in fine condition. Miss Thain's orchestra rendered pleasing selections of dance music, the merriment being kept up until 3 a. m.

The International Geneva Association is a fraternal organization, the membership of which is composed of hotel employees who have served a three years apprenticeship. The Victoria section has the honor of being the most northern of a chain which encircles the globe. It was established in Geneva in 1877, and in the thirty-two years of its existence has seen branches established in every quarter of the globe. London, Paris, Berlin, Chartaux, Cape Town, Calcutta, Sidney, Buenos Ayres, New York, Montreal, and Victoria are but a few of the sections of this world-wide circle. The main feature of the association is one of mutual help. Members in sickness or distress are assisted, while those involved in litigation are aided from the funds of the association. The association publishes an international journal in Dresden. The local section was formed a little over a year ago, and last night's dance was the second which has been given under its auspices.

The officers of the local section are as follows: President, M. Rosshert; secretary, A. Wiermel; treasurer, J. Schramm. These with the following constituted the ball committee, Messrs. Ross, Heed, Griffiths and Strassburg. Several valuable prizes were drawn for during the evening, the drawings being in the nature of a tombola.

### SIDELIGHTS ON LIFE

The Invidious Situation of a Young Person From the U. S. A.

When a certain gay young citizen of the "Good Old U. S. A." showed up before Magistrate Jay in the police court yesterday morning there were two charges against him. He had been picked up the evening before by one of the stalwart minions of the law. He had a gun on his person and both he and the gun were loaded. This is distinctly in contravention of the civic bylaws. In police court the young man couldn't explain much about his doings. His memory worked in bunches. He couldn't recall having loaded the gun and he had only fleeting recollections of loading himself. However, the evidence was strong against him so he was constrained to contribute four and costs to the coffers of the court and his gun was confiscated.

Young Bantly, the sixteen-year-old imitator of Dick, the Dare-devil Driver, whose mad career has been under the notice of the police for some time past and who was arrested the day before yesterday on a charge of leaving a team of horses unattended in such manner that they ran away, was up again yesterday. His employers had been summoned and were represented. The boy was discharged with a warning and his employers were given to understand that when they hired a driver they would have to find a man more than eighteen years of age and he would have to have a license.

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## VICTORIANS LIKE BOOKS OF FICTION

Increased Popularity of Lighter Forms of Literature Banishes Old Favorites

Ninety per cent of the reading matter taken out of the Carnegie library is fiction.

This statement made to the Colonist yesterday by Dr. Hands, chief librarian, points to the fact that the great majority of Victorians who patronize the library do not read to improve their minds, but with the idea of increasing their knowledge, but purely out of a desire to amuse themselves.

In this Victoria is not by any means peculiar. The reports of librarians in many other cities, both in Canada and in the United States, prove that the latter-day tendency is towards light, inconsequential fiction. In Toronto, which is more or less of an exception, Toronto being in a measure, the Boston of Canada, the percentage of fiction called for at the public library is only 20. But in Toronto, and in other large cities, there is a much wider selection of titles to choose from than in the case in Victoria. For instance, if a man enters the library and asks for something on mineralogy which the librarian cannot supply him, it is unlikely that the man will purchase a book on geology or one on the development of Egypt. Archaeology in its relation to Hittite History. He is far more likely to take the latest offering from the pen of Robert W. Chambers or Gilbert Parker or Ralph Connor.

**Fifty Years Ago**

A list of the "best sellers" of fifty years ago would not compare with a similar list of today to the advantage of present-day readers. Such a list was compiled and is on record and when a copy of it was shown to Dr. Hands yesterday he commented that with a few exceptions none of the books whose titles it contained are popular today. Locally only one or two of the list are read frequently today. Among these are "Fern Leaves" by Fanny Fern, and "The Wide, Wide World" by Mrs. Warner.

"The cheap magazines, with their short fiction stories," said Dr. Hands yesterday, "have done much to woo the reading public from more beneficial titles. We have today, one or two good short-story writers, men whose tales are worth the reading, but for every one good short story there are ten not worth the reading. The public today shows small discrimination in choosing its reading matter. Even in the choice of magazines it is not particular. Many people who read widely, as to quantity, choose their material by no more worthy guide than a pretty cover or a catchy caption. Of course, it is harder to choose good reading now, days than it was fifty years ago. Stories are printed and circulated by the thousands today, by reason of the improved and cheapened methods of printing and publishing, that would

not have been considered worthy of printer's ink half a century ago.

My advice is, find some good writer whose style and subjects you like and read him. The list he has published, Robert Louis Stevenson, Dickens, Thackeray, George Eliot and Gilbert Parker are read well in Victoria and this is praiseworthy. Historical and technical books rank next in order of popularity. Books of travel are becoming more popular and we have received some excellent new titles of late.

The way to have the new catalogues available before Christmas time and these will contain many additional titles."

#### Has Deteriorated

Taken altogether the public's discrimination in reading seems to have deteriorated in nice proportion to the increase in the ranks of "literary" writers. Years ago when the youthful book-lover began his career, he was in literature in the Book of Martyrs and Plutarch's Lives, and when a book was something that cost money and was not to be considered lightly, those who would have been some well-founded talent for the work. Now, when everyone from Biddy the cook to the King, the Kaiser and the President "writes for the magazines" or dashes off a novel, it isn't much wonder that without public gives up in despair and reads what comes to handiest and most attractively dressed.

More than half a century ago a discussion in the United States Congress on international copyright, prompted Mr. Henry C. Carey to compile a list of the "best sellers" of that day, to which he has since added statistics relating to the returns of authors in the middle of the nineteenth century. The figures and list afford an opportunity to compare the popular taste reflected in the book trade of 1853 with the same reflection today. Even fifty-six years ago the list led Mr. Carey to claim that the United States "presents a market for books of almost every description unparalleled in the world." It is interesting to note that volumes of essays, of poetry, and of plays are among the books which held the foremost place in popular favor two generations ago. The results of Mr. Carey's investigations were first given to the public in 1853 in a volume of "Letters on International Copyright."

At that time, it seems, four of Thackeray's books were in the list of the United States to one in England, and the sale of Dickens' works had to be numbered "almost by millions of volumes." We learn, however, that the chief patronage was even then accorded to native productions, which numbered the foreign reprints "in the proportion of three to one." To quote Mr. Carey:

**Washington Irving's Books**

"Of all American authors, those of school-books excepted, there is no one of whose books so many have been circulated as those of Mr. Irving. Prior to the publication of the edition recently issued by Putnam, his works amounted to 141,000 volumes. Of 'Uncle Tom,' the sale has amounted to 295,000 copies, partly in one, and partly in two volumes; and the total number of volumes amounts, probably, to about 400,000. Of the same author, Mr. Irving's 'History' has already risen, certainly to 30,000 copies, and I am told it is coming very near, and yet even that is a small figure for such a work, entirely unprepared."

**Profits of Literature**

Of the rates paid to successful authors by the magazines of that day Mr. Carey says:

"I have now before me a statement from a single publisher, in which he says that to Messrs. Willis, Longfellow, Bryant, and Alston, his prices were uniformly \$500 for a series of articles, long or short—and his readers know that they were generally very short; in one case, only fourteen lines. To numerous others it was from \$25 to \$40. In one case he has paid \$25 per page for prose. To Mr. Cooper he paid \$1,500 for a novel, and \$1,000 for a series of naval romances, the author retaining the copyright for separate publication; and in such cases, if the work be good, its appearance in the magazine acts as the best of advertisements. To Mr. James he paid \$1,200 for a novel leaving him the copyright. For a single number of his journal he has paid to authors \$1,500. The total amount paid for original matter by two magazines—the selling price of which is \$3 per year—in ten years has exceeded \$130,000, giving an average of \$13,000 per annum. The Messrs. Harper inform me that the expense of literature for literary and artistic labor required for their magazine is \$2,000 per month, or \$24,000 a year."

**A List of the "Best Sellers."**

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## TRADES COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Consider Municipal Government Question and Reports on Union Label Movement

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council met last night, President Watters in the chair. The secretary announced that he had received from the Minister of Labor the Year Book on Labor. He had, also, received from G. H. Barnard, M.P., a copy of the Canadian Year Book, and a volume of the "Leaflets on Farming," which contained a splendid lot of information on general farming. A vote of thanks was passed to the Minister of Labor and to G. H. Barnard for the thoughtfulness in sending the publications mentioned.

The municipal organization committee reported having already held several meetings, and the work was being rapidly placed in a good workable shape. Delegate McEachern vouched for the fact that no scheme that the council had ever fathered promised to reach such a successful conclusion.

#### Union Label

The Union Label committee made a report on the matter, which showed that a great deal of goods that could easily be made in Victoria was imported from abroad and from the East. This movement was first brought to the attention of the Council by the Typographical Union, and the work of the label committee is the result. They strongly advised a campaign in favor of home industry. A batch of labels printed by the committee in a neat form, each containing 24 labels—the back being gummed—and all union men were requested to carry them continually in their pockets, and when they received goods from any merchant, to see that the label was on the goods. A batch of labels from British Columbia, they were urged to return the goods with one of these little labels pasted on the goods. The label bears the words: "Why was this not made in Victoria?" Others contain the words: "Support home industry, and we will support you." It was decided to issue another with the words: "Why were these goods not made in Victoria by union labor?"

The work of the Typographical union and the label committee of the council were commended, and it was decided to enter upon a strenuous campaign in favor of home-made goods and it is confidently hoped that every merchant and householder will back up the efforts of the workers. At this point C. H. Chamberlain presented his credentials as a delegate from the Cooks and Waiters' union, in place of Mr. Garland who retires.

#### Provincial Organization

R. P. Pettipiece, general secretary of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council wrote to urge the formation of a Provincial Trades and Labor Congress, asking if the Victoria council would pledge its support to such a movement.

The secretary explained in answer to questions that the proposed B. C. Trades and Labor Congress would be composed of delegates from all trade unions as well as delegates from the various trades and labor councils, and would be tributary to the "Trades and Labor Congress of Canada." The main object of the Provincial congress would be to attend to all labor business of a provincial nature, business that the Labor Congress of Canada found it impossible to give proper attention to on account of the vast size of the Dominion.

After discussing the subject pro and con the council decided to postpone definite action until the different local unions had time to discuss and consider the subject.

The executive committee were instructed to act in conjunction with the Workers' Union, and the Street Railway Men's union with a view of settling some questions of

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what definition should be placed on certain laws governing and indicating the local jurisdiction of the different unions.

It was announced that the executive council of the Canadian Labor Congress intended putting W. R. Trotter in the field as general organizer, and the secretary was instructed to write the executive asking that he be allowed to spend part of his time organizing in the extreme Canadian west. The proportional system of voting was taken up and discussed at considerable length, and demonstrations given. It was stated very emphatically that it was the system of the future under which all elections would be conducted and that the Dominion government had already appointed a royal commission with Mackenzie King as chairman, and before another year the matter would be laid before the people of Canada in the most intelligible manner possible by an authority that will scarcely be questioned. In view of these facts the council decided that the sooner the workmen commenced to study the system the better.

#### PASSING OF A PIONEER

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Kate Wallace Held Yesterday.

The remains of the late Mrs. Kate Wallace were interred yesterday in the Ross Bay cemetery, and the service held at Christ Church Cathedral by the Right Rev. Bishop of Columbia. The deceased, who had reached the advanced age of ninety-one years, was the relict of the late Captain Marshall Wallace, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The late Mrs. Wallace enjoyed the acquaintance of a large circle of friends, by whom she was loved and respected; chiefly among these were the families of the pioneer of Victoria, by whom she will be sadly missed, having spent

the past forty years of her life in this city, and despite her great age, she maintained until the last an active interest in current affairs.

Two daughters of the deceased predeceased her some years ago. These were the late Mrs. Wm. Tyrwhitt, Drake and the late Mrs. Egerton Curtis, Her grandchildren, Mr. Frank Curtis, Mrs. Muspratt-Williams, Miss Frances T. Drake and Mr. Cecil T. Drake, still survive her, also one great-grandson, Reginald Muspratt-Williams. Deceased came of a family remarkable for its longevity, her sister, Mrs. Jones, having recently passed away at the age of ninety-five years. The two sisters now lie beside each other in the same grave.

Mrs. Wallace was a sister of the late Captain Raymur.

The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Mr. B. T. Drake, Mr. A. W. Bridgman, Major Dupont, Mr. Justice Irving, Capt. Combe, Mr. H. E. Newton, Mr. Edgar Browne and Mr. R. P. Wilmet.

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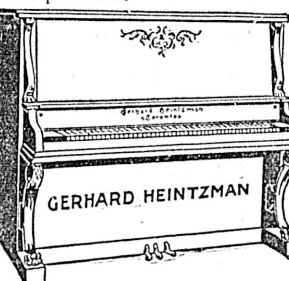
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## In Woman's Realm

### Here and There

The regular meeting of the Auxiliary to the Anti-Tuberculosis society was held at the Balmoral yesterday morning. The principal business was the settling up of the affairs of the cafe attendant. As, however, many of the bills had not been presented it was found impossible to conclude the business, and prepare a statement. This will be done early in the New Year.

In answer to an appeal from Dr. Fagan, the young ladies resolved to send a Christmas box to the sanitarium, containing gifts suitable to the season to individual patients. Mrs. Love, Mrs. Cross, and Mrs. Lampman were chosen to select and despatch the presents.

The excellent work done by the Nursing society cannot be too highly commended. The ladies belonging to it have shown that they are actuated by the truest spirit of Christian love. Help is never so much needed as when sickness enters the home, and the public of Victoria owe a deep debt of gratitude to the ladies who, during many years have taken care that no family, however poor, should suffer from want of skillful nursing or the comforts necessary for the sick room. They have gone further, and from the intimate knowledge which the nurse gains of the needs of the families to whom she has ministered, have learned how help could be most wisely given. This aid has been lent so that the most sensitive could not feel hurt, and care has been taken at the same time to foster a spirit of honest independence. As the city grows the usefulness of the society will continue to increase, as will its need for the support of the citizens. This, it is confidently believed, will be given as generously in the future as it has in the past, for the ladies of the Home Nursing society have proved how much good can be done with a comparatively small income.

There is, among people who are not poor, a need for nurses which is far greater now than in former years. Many causes contribute to this. When the daughters of mechanics and small tradesmen and other people of moderate income stayed at home till they were married it was always possible in case of sickness to lay aside the sewing or spinning or weaving and wait on the sick member of the family. Now that the girls are teaching or at work in stores or offices the case is different. If the mother, father, or one of the children take sick Mary or Jane, however willing, cannot stay at home to help. Nor is it easier for the neighbor to leave her work and come in to assist in the care of the suffering one. There is not room in all the hospitals for all the sick, however ready they may be to go there. Nor can people who have small incomes afford to pay the expenses of a trained nurse except in case of urgent necessity. The consequence is that mothers must add to their already heavy task the care of the sick, or, if they have been ill themselves, must return to work too soon. For the people spoken of could not, without the loss of their own self-respect and of their standing in society accept the help of any charitable organization, however willingly it might be tendered.

A writer in the last number of the "Canadian Nurse" suggests a remedy for this state of affairs that appears to meet the needs of the case. She suggests a system of insurance, where, by paying aside a small sum at stated times efficient nursing in case of illness could be provided. This "nursing policy" could be obtained on the same terms as accident or insurance policies. The writer, Miss Burland, says "Some might raise the objection that they might go on year after year paying the premiums and getting no material good from it. Just so do we get no material benefit from our fire insurance premiums or accident premiums, unless we are so unfortunate as to have a fire or an accident, but how much more secure and free from care do we feel having that protection."

"But even this objection might be overcome by having the policies made somewhat on the same plan as many of the life insurance policies are now being made, viz., twenty years accumulative policies, or something on the same lines."

In the case of men provision is made by the various benefit societies for the needs of sickness. There are a few such societies to which women belong. But there is a great body of quiet, homekeeping women whose needs are not met by such organizations. It may be that a remedy will be found soon for what is surely a great want.

Some one without a scrap of imagination has gravely asked the head of the forestry service in Washington whether the number of Christmas trees cut in the state is a source of danger to the forests. The answer of Chief Forester Pinchot shows that he has not lost his love of his kind in his love for the trees. He says: "I have thought about Christmas tree matter, and have finally reached this conclusion: Trees are for use, and there is no other use to which the trees could be put that would contribute so much to the happiness and good of mankind as their use for the children and families

on Christmas. So far as endangering the future life of our forests is concerned, the effect is infinitesimal compared with the destruction caused by forest fires and wasteful lumbering."

It is interesting to learn that about 4,000,000 Christmas trees are cut every year in the United States. Those who use them pay about \$2,000,000 or fifty cents each for them. During the early weeks in December the shippers are busy sending them to the markets in the great cities.

There never was a better instance of the danger of a little knowledge than the attitude of a great part of the public towards tuberculosis. Until very lately no one thought the state was any danger of associating with a consumptive patient. Then came the discovery of the tubercular bacillus and a few years as cruel unreasoning as that which in a former age left the victims of the plague to die in deserted cities took possession of many people. Sick people were sent to be alone in foreign lands and the call of duty was often unheeded by those bound to the patient by the closest ties. All intelligent people now know that if proper precautions are observed there is no danger in waiting on a tubercular patient. The disease cannot be contracted as in the case of scarlet fever or small-pox by touching the patient.

The latest manifestation of ignorant cruelty on a large scale in connection with tuberculosis took place in New Jersey.

A rich and benevolent Jew established a preventorium in Lakewood, N. J. This was a place where little children who were delicate but not diseased could be taken. Removed from their homes in poor districts the little ones rapidly acquired strength enough to resist the danger of contracting the disease. But the people in the neighborhood became so alarmed, that when other means failed, they prevailed on the governor of the state to prosecute the philanthropist on the ground that he had brought a tubercular patient to the state. It is said that a future attempt will be made to compel him to abandon his project by passing repressive laws.

The fear which caused this action has been shown to be quite groundless even in cases where those ill have brought people upon whom the disease has taken hold are being treated. The Montreal Witness speaking of this subject says: "As we have said over and over again about as healthy a life as one can lead is as an attendant in a well-cared-for sanitarium or open-air camp. At Saranac, in New York, a timely cure is generally consumptives have been cured for, we never heard of a nurse in the Trudeau Sanitarium, 'catching' the disease. Not only that, but it is a fact that the Saranac neighborhood has been fitted by the example of common-sense living set by the sanitarium, and instead of the inhabitants of other places going into a medieval fit, and calling for police repression of the life-savers, who establish sanitariums or preventoria in their neighborhood the same should be an incentive to them to practice hygienic living themselves. I love a broad margin to my life," says Thoracut, and again, "there are none happy in the world but beings who enjoy freely a vast horizon." The sanitarium life teaches that it is much more pleasant and wholesome to be warmed by the sun while one can be than by an artificial fire; that the breath of the pine woods, the mountain top, the meadow and the stony shore life; that cleanliness of mind and body is very close, indeed, to godliness; and that dwelling in dark, close, ill-ventilated houses is to dwell constantly in the shadow of death. In regard to consumption, a timely cure is generally possible and prevention always easy and yet because of the survival of that spirit of ignorant-fear, 'foolish people,' as our contemporary puts it, 'makes life harder for those who deserve help, sympathy and understanding.' Our tuberculosis leagues, indeed are only at the very beginning of their work of humanity."

A great deal is being said in the eastern papers of the value of Women's Institutes. In the province of Ontario where, with Guelph Agricultural College as a centre, the institutes flourish it is said that the standard of life in the country homes has been greatly improved by these meetings. Meals are better cooked and served and houses more tastefully furnished. By managing their work better the women get more time for reading. Flowers are grown inside and out and fresh interest is brought into the lives of the farmers' wives who consult together about their work.

Many of the daughters of the mothers who take most interest in the institutes take the domestic science course at some of the colleges and return to their homes to work with intelligence. In the future, and spread their knowledge among their neighbors. It is hoped that through the agency of these institutes a love of country life will be fostered and the tendency to leave the farm for the city arrested.

In our own province where so many women are well as men are beginning life in the country under new conditions such meetings as the Women's Institutes should be especially helpful. The lessons learned by experience if imparted to the beginner might save much discontent and discouragement. Besides that the isolation too often felt by the farmer's wife would pass away if opportunity were taken of meeting others and sharing their pleasures and interests.

### AMUSEMENTS

"The Man of the Hour"

When a successful drama has passed the third milestone on its path, and the fourth is announced with the word "success" stamped all over it, what is the press agent to write further? Local theatregoers know that "The Man of the Hour," George Broadhurst's great play, has had three most prosperous years and recall the crowded house when it was presented at the Victoria theatre last season. It will be good news to our theatregoers to know that "The Man of the Hour" will again be presented on Monday, December 20. This new play has rushed straight to the heart of everybody. Here is a beautiful play, presented in so steady a key that the effect is overwhelming. You must see "The Man of the Hour."

"The Soul Kiss"

The much heralded and widely dis-

cussed "Soul Kiss," with its wealth of beauty and music, ravishing dances, glorious costumes and rich scenic embellishments will be revealed to Victorians for the first time tonight at the Victoria theatre, which will be crowded to the utmost capacity. Mile. Pertina will be the bright particular star supported by a host of clever people and some fresh young chorus girls from the big metropolises, whose youth, beauty and spirit are sufficient in themselves to insure the success of almost any musical production.

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Scene from "The Soul Kiss," at the Victoria Theatre tonight.

divertissement, sans plot, sans theme—purely and simply to entertain, to appeal to the cultivated senses of tone and beauty for the sole purpose of making a worn-out public forget for a few brief hours the responsibilities and strain of life. In this much it is a success, and further the managers set up no claims. It is beyond the pale of criticism and is a melange of all that is bright, catchy and pleasing.

"The Girl Question"

Theatregoers have seen most all of the popular musical comedy successes from the La Salle theatre, including "The Girl Question," "A Knight for a Day," "Cinderella," etc., now comes what is said to be the most popular of all, H. H. Frazee's produc-



BILLY CLIFFORD  
In "The Girl at the Helm" at the Victoria Theatre Tomorrow.

tion of "A Girl at the Helm," which will be seen for the first time at the Victoria theatre, December 17.

This musical play is by Robert E. Smith and Raymond Hubbel and Mr. Al Holbrook staged the production which is an assurance of success. Among the song hits are "Not All But Nearly," "In Walked Bill" and "You're All the World to Me." The cast is said to be exceptionally strong, headed by the popular and ever ready Billy Clifford.

The chorus of big and little girls who sing, dance and beautify the ensemble is said to be the best seen in musical comedy this season. The famous male octette carried is an added feature for this tour.

Primrose Minstrels

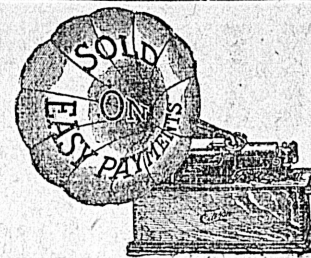
Mr. George Primrose, and his mammoth minstrel organization, will be seen at Victoria theatre, Tuesday, December 21. The big company contains many well-known comedians, singers and dancers, and is said to be scenically equipped better than ever before. Eight big acts of great merit will be seen.

"The Alaskan"

An appropriate offering is the Totem Pole musical comedy, "The Alaskan," which comes to the Victoria theatre Wednesday and Thursday, December 22 and 23. The piece has been entirely revised and "musicalized" by Richard F. Carroll and Gus Weinburg, who have taken care, in the general revision, to equip themselves with strong comedy parts, so much so that now the laughter is incessant from rise to fall of the curtain. Several new interpolations have been made, and the novel "Snowballing" song, in which the audience is allowed to belt the Eskimo girls with fluffy white missiles, creates no end of excitement. "Laughing Powder," "For I Dream of You," "Hi, Hi, Hi" and "The Face of the Girl I Love," are amongst the song hits.

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In Vancouver it's different. They have a number of clubs always interchanging courtesies. The result is that as the season progresses, the players improve, the material from which a selection may be made becomes higher class, and it follows that Vancouver's representative fifteen constantly climbs in its standard. And then, in the present instance, the mainlanders have more than the McKechnie cup at stake. There is the Keith trophy, representing the Pacific Coast championship, inspiring them to greater endeavor. In a few days the California University students will be in the province looking to the re-establishment of their title. With all these engagements in prospect, with an enthusiastic and loyal public at its back, with two notable honors hanging ready to fall one way or the other, is it any wonder that the athletic rugger of the mainland are in for the game heart and soul?

A Heavy Handicap  
So Victoria, it must be admitted, is laboring under a severe handicap. The more honor to them if they win under such adverse circumstances.

When all is said and done it is about

an even chance that the locals will surprise the boys of Vancouver, confident of turning the tables, and anticipating nothing more than a good try-out preparatory to the more serious battles with the Southerners for the Coast derby.

Capt. Newcombe, of the Victoria club, must get busy from this date. It is his duty to see that he has fifteen reliable and well-trained men in hand when the boat leaves on Friday night.

He hasn't failed to accomplish that for which he set out to achieve so far, and with decent support from his fellow-members, there's no reason to believe that he will fail on this occasion.

### JAMES J. JEFFRIES' WRITTEN STATEMENT

"I greatly dislike to talk of my coming battle with Johnson, so am sending you a statement of my views," writes James J. Jeffries. Here is his statement over his own signature: "To the Sporting Editor:

"When I presented Marvin Hart the world's champion title a little over four years ago I had fully made up my mind to retire from the ring, because the public did not think there was any one in my class could give me an argument.

"I came out of retirement because the public demanded it and because, under the circumstances, I felt it my duty to regain the title which, after being held by Tommy Burns, fell into Johnson's hands.

"No one seems to doubt my ability to beat Johnson if I am in the form which made it possible for me to win the championship and beat all the heavyweights, but there seems to be some question as to whether I can ever come back. I don't believe there is any one in a better position to judge my condition than myself, and it was only after I had convinced myself that I could come back that I announced my intention to fight Johnson. I am absolutely confident that when I enter the ring on July 4 I will be in as good condition as ever I was in my life. I will beat Johnson and do it in much less time than many expect.

"You can rest assured that when the sun sets on July 4 next a white man will be champion pugilist of the world."

"JAMES J. JEFFRIES."

LAST DAYS OF THE HUNTING SEASON  
Shooting Now Said To Be Better Than Earlier in the Year.

These are spoken of as the "last days" of the hunter. He goes about with dejected mien and saddened heart. On the 1st of January, New Year's Day, comes the "end of things" from his standpoint. Then follow months of dull routine during which the birds—lucky creatures!—may roam the wilds complacent and comfortable in the knowledge that if any mere man dares levy a gun at them in anger, or prompted by the mania of slaughter, the law will intervene and wreak summary vengeance. Of course it is doubtful whether they will take

too many chances even under such conditions.

With the end drawing near the majority of the ardent disciples of the chase are enjoying just as much sport as time and circumstances permit. And they report that the shooting is much better now than it was early in the season.

"Why?" asked the unsophisticated writer yesterday.

The hardened woodsman from whom the information was obtained, unhesitatingly, replied that the reason was that fewer hunters braved the adverse weather conditions of the winter months. Their enthusiasm wasn't greater than their fear of the wet and cold and so the game that was available didn't have to be distributed among so many. Quite a few first-class bags had been brought in during the past few weeks consisting, for the most part, of willow grouse and ducks.

### INTERNATIONAL GAME AT ASSEMBLY HALL

The Seattle and Victoria Y.M.C.A. basketball teams met tonight in one of the international league series. It should be a splendid game. The Americans are supposed to be the stronger. They were points to the good in the recent match with the Canadians on the other side. But here it will be different. Victoria's team has improved under the watchful eye of Physical Director Findlay and the Seattleites are expected to feel somewhat out of place on a real roomy basketball floor, such as that at the Assembly Hall rink.

The Victoria team will line up as follows: Guards, Roskamp and Baker; centre, Pettit; forwards, Whyte and McKittrick.

### BUSY TIME FOR THE DISTANCE RUNNERS

If all Victoria's long distance runners take part in all the events that are provided for them between the time of writing and New Year's Day they will be travelling more than a little. The ball starts rolling with the Empress club's two-mile affair of the 21st inst. There follows the Xmas run under the auspices of the same organization for which there are many entries, and then, on New Year's Day, comes the Y.M.C.A. seven-mile jaunt open to any amateurs. The question is being asked, in a jocular way, whether there will be any "genuine amateurs" by that time in view of the B.C.A.A. embargo. But let's hope that the results of the big battle of words will not be so far-reaching.

And, to cap the climax, there is that contest in which Art Burn and Frank Baylis, two pros, are the principals. The latter issued a bold defiance; the former dramatically plucked up the gun, and now it's only a matter of coming to terms. This will take place sometime during Xmas week, out-of-doors, for a purse of \$100.

A \$30,000 gymnasium is being constructed in connection with the Lewis-ton state normal school, Lewiston, Idaho. Go on some, eh?

## FIGHT MEANS DEATH BLOW

Unless Amicable Settlement of Dissension Over Ruling Is Reached Leagues Smash

The city league has withdrawn from the B. C. A. A. U.; the James Bay Athletic association's team will be ordered out of the local championship soccer series, and the two Island league matches fixed for Saturday—A. O. F. vs. Nanaimo, at the Canteen grounds, Esquimalt, and Victoria West vs. Ladysmith, at Ladysmith—will take place in defiance of the warning contained in the union's ruling concerning amateurism and its threat of suspension of every footballer implicated.

In summarized form that is the situation. On the one side is the British Columbia union, backed by all the influence of the Canadian Federation, shorn of most of its support on the island, and weakened scoterially on the Mainland. Ranged in opposition are practically everyone of the athletic associations which make association football a club sport.

Which is the stronger? "Ask me something easier" will be the reply of the majority of those who watch developments. And the query will only be answered by time. Apparently the factions intend standing to their guns on both sides of the gulf, so that sportsmen are about to see open conflict between two of the strongest athletic sections that have ever been at issue in the Canadian West.

Feeling Runs High. It is the condition here that most interests the Victorians concerned. And it is right in this city that the sentiment for and against the union is most ardent or bitter. Those who are in favor of the strict interpretation of the amateur ruling, which means, as far as known, the James Bay Athletic association and the Young Men's Christian association, are enthusiastic. They endorse the stand that has been taken against any half measures or compromises. Likewise the soccerites, and the majority, are out to fight that decision, and have taken the first step to show their hand by withdrawing from the B. C. A. A. U., as announced in yesterday's Colonist.

What is the next move? The playing of the first two Island league matches on Saturday.

Then what happens? The automatic suspension of the amateurs playing with the A. O. F. and Victoria West teams.

And then what? Victoria West or the A. O. F. meet some of their opponents in the city league, and whoever happens to be their rivals in these engagements becomes professionalized.

Very quickly every city league team will become contaminated with the exception of the J. B. A. A. That team will be the only genuine amateur organization, according to the B. C. A. A. U.'s ruling, even that eleven will be awarded the local championship.

Sooner or later the "wormwood" of professionalism will eat into the local basketball series, and that also will be disintegrated.

The present outlook is exceedingly serious, and unless the union backs down it is most unlikely, the winter sports of British Columbia probably will go up in smoke.

A special meeting of the union is expected to be announced at an early date.

### WITH THE BOWLERS

In their last game of the second series in the "Buckrick and O'Connell" competition, the Tigers, by taking two out of three games from the Bears, added two points to their standing. The score:

Bears.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Ttl.
H. Jamieson	147	155	172	474
C. Brooks	168	147	159	474
L. Eberts	165	151	152	468
H. Bickerton	101	139	117	357
G. McIlmoye	157	170	140	467

Tigers.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Ttl.
T. Renfrew	128	182	178	488
H. Brewster	175	139	154	468
P. Turner	166	151	147	464
J. Renfrew	122	125	128	375
D. Breckenridge	130	104	132	366

Total	702	776	762	2240
Tigers.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Ttl.

Total	731	711	802	2244
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Telegraphic League. Victoria defeated Chilliwack in their game of the B. C. Telegraphic League, while Vancouver triumphed over Rossland and New Westminster. Vancouver's score, 2,824, is the highest rolled in this tournament up to date.

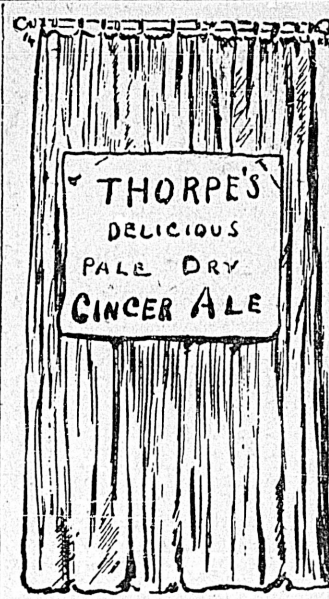
Is the Champion. WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Having smashed all bowling records under circumstances which seem to leave no room in doubt the genuineness of her performance, Mrs. Henry N. Butterworth, of this city, is champion high score bowler of the world. Mrs. Butterworth's record follows:

300, 300, 299, 299, 297, 289, 288, 283, 279, 279, 279.  
Total pins 3,471. Average 289.4.

These scores were the 12 best games bowled in a tournament. That the alleys were regulation, the scoring correct, and the pins set true, are substantiated by affidavits necessary when the public refused to accept the performance.

To show what a performance was Mrs. Butterworth's, attention is called to winning scores in the big tournaments. In March Fred Schwartz, of Rochester, N. Y., won the National Bowling association's individual championship with 690 for three games. At A. B. C. in Pittsburgh A. Wingler's 699 was the best. In the Canadian championship, Jacob Sebring won with 660 in 1908. The average of Jimmy Smith in Milwaukee was 233, but his across-the-country games would not average 200. Miss Littlefield and Mrs. Bishop rolled 3,160 in 19 games in New York last year, and John Koster's average is 233 for three games, 249 three games, 249 for eight, and 238 for 12 games.

Mrs. Butterworth's style is her own. She delivers the ball right-handed from the extreme left side of the alley. The ball clings to the edge until within a few feet of the pins, when it swerves to the right, striking between the "one and two pins." The ball is not fast, but



## BOWLING

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the "hook" is uniform. Mrs. Butterworth is the wife of B. N. Butterworth, manager of one of the oldest mercantile houses in this city, and is one of Watertown's social leaders. She took up bowling for diversion and became fascinated.

### AT HALF-TIME

To British Columbia soccerites: The B. C. A. A. U. will get you if you don't watch out.

Wanted a basketball referee! Physical Director Findlay is looking for a man who will take charge of the whistle in the Thursday night match between the Seattle and Victoria Y. M. C. A. teams. Only those who have graduated from a boxing school of recognized standing need apply.

Admirers of Johnny Hayes, the American long distance runner, who topped the prize in the Olympic event had a shock the other day. In his race at San Francisco, when he knocked out Jimmy Fitzgerald, the Canadian runner, and another aspirant by a mile, his time was first computed at 25:54 3-5—a world's record. Alas, it was afterwards discovered that the circular course was more than a mile short of the full distance.

Johnson's stock has gone up in Victoria. Since those pictures of the Johnson-Ketchell fight were shown here a number of bets are reported to have been placed on the "big smoke's" chance against Jeffries next July.

O. B. Bush, who holds three amateur slating records, and is rated as the fastest short distance skater of America, of Vancouver, the other day for the East, intending to enter all the big meets in Canada and the United States under the colors of the Vancouver Athletic club. Among the cities he will visit are Chicago, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Saranac Lake, New York, and Boston.

Since Wolgast showed Powell up he has swelled. Evidence of this is the fact that he's willing to risk \$1,000 on his chances of beating Packey McFarlane.

He may be great as a pitcher in the outdoor game, but as indoor baseball twirler Christy Mathewson is a mutt. He is with a team which is touring New York state, and only the other night at Troy, N. Y., the "Big Six" was beaten by 13 to 1. Mathewson was pounded for 11 runs in 5 innings, by the way, it may be interesting to old Victoria fans to know that Hall Chase is playing first base for the same bunch.

Burt Keyes, lightweight fighter, who is held on suspicion of firing a revolver which wounded a pugilist, the other fighter, at the six-day bicycle race, has been released by the New York police.

With his face wrapped in woollen bandages, and wearing heavy fur gloves and fur overcoat, Barney Benzfield drove his 120 horse power Benz racer in the face of a Texas Norther and broke the 50 mile world's circular track record, which has stood for over five years. He covered the distance in 47:18, as against the old mark of 48:40 1-5, made by himself in Fresno, Cal., in 1904. Despatch dated Dallas, Texas.

Alf Shrubbs has accepted the challenges of Paul Acose and Fred Meadows. It is probable that the races will be for the full Marathon distance. Where they will take place hasn't yet been decided.

A statue to the memory of Captain Matthew Webb, the only man to swim across the English Channel, will be unveiled at Dover, England, next January. That exceptionally powerful athlete and swimmer made his first appearance in the latter guise on July 3, 1875, when he swam from The Pool to Gravesend (19 miles 2 furlongs) in 4 hours, 52 minutes, 44 seconds. On July 30, 1875, he swam from Dover to Ramsgate (18 miles). He failed to swim the Channel on August 12, 1875, but on August 24 and 25 of the same year he succeeded in crossing from Dover to Calais in 21 hours 45 minutes. He was drowned in an attempt to swim Niagara rapids July 24, 1883.

Here's an appropriate commentary on the American football game, in rhyme:

'Twas the last football player  
The season had known;  
All his other companions  
Maimed, killed off, or flown:  
Some an ear or two shy,  
And some with their slats  
Knocked completely awry.

Soccer football is being introduced at Santa Clara, Cal. An effort is being made to induce the athletes to adopt that sport in place of the American game.

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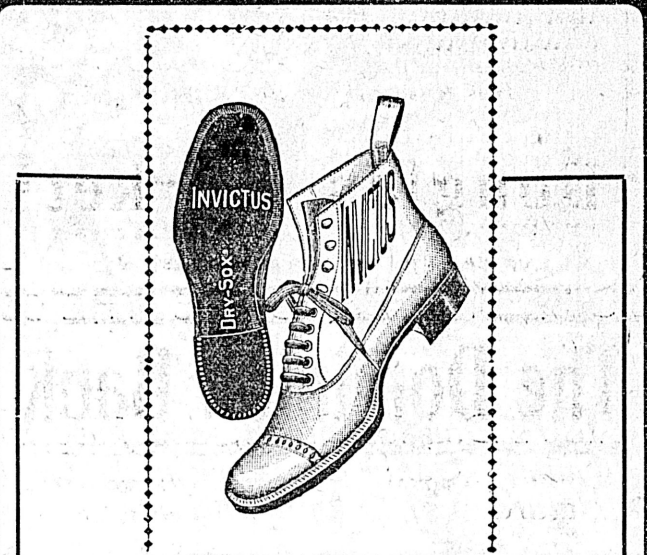
Neckwear, 75c, 50c and .....25c  
Braces in fancy boxes, \$1.50 to 75c and .....50c  
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Boys' High Leg Box Calf Lace Boots .....\$3.00  
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#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. B. J. Perry will leave on Monday next on a visit to Montreal.

T. B. Simon, of Columbus, O., is an Empress guest.

James and Mrs. Ryan, of Cranbrook, are at the Empress.

Mrs. William Grant, of Point Ellice, will not be at home this afternoon.

On account of a recent illness, Mrs. H. E. Levy will not receive today.

Mrs. Wm. Grant, of Point Ellice, will not be at home on Friday.

Mr. A. S. Blakemore, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in Victoria.

C. A. and Mrs. Moorhead, of New Alberni, are spending a few days at the Empress.

Mrs. E. P. Howard, of New York city, arrived yesterday to join Mr. Howard at the Empress.

Mr. James McGregor, wife of Mines Inspector McGregor, of Nelson, is an Empress guest.

Dr. W. A. De Wolf Smith and Inspector J. S. Clute, of New Westminster, are at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collicott, from Calgary, are enjoying a visit to Victoria.

The Misses Bell, Edmonton Road, corner Shakespeare, will not receive Friday, Dec. 17.

Miss Leeson, of Vancouver, is leaving town this week on a visit to California.

Mr. Frank Davis, from Sheffield, England, is a recent arrival in town from the Old Country.

Dr. Redman, Constance avenue, Esquimalt, left town yesterday for Mexico, where he will spend the next few months.

Miss Kate McKenzie left last evening for Nanaimo and Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Jessie Brown left town on Sunday for Chicago to join her aunt, Miss Agnes Dean Cameron, and will accompany her on her visit to Europe.

The James Bay Athletic association have issued invitations for a New Year's dance at Broad street hall, for Friday, December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bethune have arrived in Vancouver from Victoria and will take up their residence there. They have taken temporarily a furnished house on Alberni street.

Acting Reeve Alex. McDonald and Councillor R. Horth, of North Saanich, left last evening for Vancouver to attend the sessions of the Union of B. C. Municipalities.

Hon. Thoma Taylor, minister of public works, returned from Revelstoke last evening. Mrs. Taylor and family will arrive toward the end of the week, it being the intention of Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor to take up their residence here.

The many friends of the Rev. the Hon. T. R. Henneage, of St. Marks, Victoria, will be glad to learn that he is progressing favorably in the operation for appendicitis which he underwent on Monday last at St. Joseph's hospital.

M. Phipps arrived yesterday from Wisconsin to join Mrs. Phipps, who has been a guest at the Empress for some weeks past. They are leaving today for Duncan, on a visit to Mrs. Phipps' family, she having been a Miss Maitland-Dougall, of Cowichan.

An interesting marriage to Victorians will be that of Miss Lillian Lemon Watts, daughter of Mr. C. M. Watts, of Wits, and Mr. John William Spencer, son of Mr. David Spencer of this city, which will take place at the Metropolitan church at 3 o'clock on December the 29th.

Among recent visitors to Victoria from Vancouver have been Mr. T. S. Baird, Mr. A. L. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sullivan, Mr. G. A. Hill, Mr. W. E. Herger, Mrs. H. Webber, Mrs. J. D. Walters, Mr. James Harding, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bower, Mr. C. A. Godfrey, Mr. John Stinson, Mrs. Henry B. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walder.

Vancouver is exceedingly well represented among the arrivals of yesterday at the Empress. Among the representatives of the Terminal City now here are Maxwell Smith, F. W. Law, W. C. Birdsell, C. P. Bremner, P. D. Russell, W. E. Whittemore, D. A. Hopper, J. G. Scott, W. P. Grant, J. J. Mulhall, C. Donnelly, P. G. Evans, James Ramsay, Reginald J. J. Beavan, Osborne Plunkett, and J. T. Fife.

A very successful and enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent on Tuesday at Esquimalt Vicarage, when the Christmas sale of work took place, followed in the evening by a concert. The dainty stalls were filled with useful and fancy articles. There was also a candy stall, and the generous Mother Goose was in attendance distributing pretty gifts. The concert in the evening was exceedingly good and the men of H. M. S. Esler who so kindly assisted in songs and recitations greatly added to the success of the entertain.

Among recent visitors to Vancouver from Victoria have been Mrs. L. V. Cuppage, Mr. H. G. Walsh, Mr. A. E. Craddock, Mr. A. D. Scott, Mr. J. E. Buller, Miss Smith, Mr. W. H. Dempster, Miss Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mr. W. A. Lawson, Mr. M. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Champion, Mr. J. O. Cameron, Mr. G. S. Warman, Mr. P. S. McB. Smith, Mr. J. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Burrard, Mr. C. H. Barbro, Mr. E. B. Eddy, Mr. H. Browne, Mrs. S. Wyllie.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of the Rev. F. A. Tapscott, 1205 Fernwood Road, on Monday, December 13th, the contracting parties being Donald Alexander MacNeill, a prominent business man of Vancouver, and Miss Nina Dunlop MacMillan, of Victoria. The young couple left the same evening for Vancouver and an extended visit to the Sound cities and Portland, Ore., returning shortly after the new year to Vancouver where they will make their future home. The bride is well known in Victoria, having been with D. Spencer, Ltd., a number of years, where she will be greatly missed by her many friends and associates.

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The mixed foursome competition on the links of the Victoria Golf Club, which was postponed last Saturday, will take place on Saturday next. On Christmas Day men's foursomes, eclectic, thirty-six holes, partners and opponents to be drawn for, entrance fee \$1.00 each player, open to any amateur; entries to be made in club house or with secretary not later than Thursday, the 23rd, at 6 p. m. On December 27, mixed foursomes, choose partners and opponents, eclectic, 36 holes; entrance fee 50c each player; prize to ladies. The competitions are open to members only and post entries will be accepted.

#### BARACA BANQUET

The third annual banquet of the Young Men's Baraca Bible Class, First Baptist church, was held last night at Victoria hall. After partaking of an excellent repast members and guests participated in a splendid toast list. It included a number of vocal and instrumental selections. Two addresses were delivered. C. L. Lugin spoke on the subject "Young Men as a Factor in Nation Building" while Rev. H. C. Spencer delivered a speech entitled "The Factor of Courage in Christian Service." Among those present were: R. Bagshaw, L. Impey, W. Sproule, Brooke Volo, R. H. Brewster, T. B. Dick, J. Middleton, D. Ariss, H. W. Driver, P. G. Pollard, J. Dewar, T. E. Benson, William Russell, W. T. Middleton, W. L. Weaver, H. Whiteoak, W. H. Spofford, C. R. King, J. Sherratt, A. B. McNeill, H. C. Brewster, N. Shakespeare, H. C. Speller, George Carter, J. G. Brown, D. S. Tait, J. W. H. King, Norman Taylor, G. A. Stevens, E. Stevens, W. S. Beckwith, W. Sherratt, O. Manners, R. Davie, J. Sherratt, H. Sherratt.

#### BAZAAR CONTINUED

First Congregational Church Entertainment Yesterday Afternoon and Evening Largely Attended

The sale of work held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the First Congregational church yesterday afternoon and evening was successful. From the time the doors were opened until late at night the different booths were well patronized, the attractive array of articles displayed for sale were disposed of readily, the supper was one of the best ever served by that organization and the evening musical entertainment was a genuine treat. Mrs. W. A. Jamieson charmed her hearers with a number of admirable vocal selections while Mr. Hunt was inimitable in several violin renditions. Owing to the fact that there was some misunderstanding about the date



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If you invited three friends to meet you at the restaurant at midnight Wednesday and discuss those birds and the tout ensemble;—and

If you waited an hour and then telephoned one friend and found him playing bridge and he said, "To the mischief with your pheasants"; and to another, and he said, "I have married a wife, and therefore to the mischief with your pheasants" and the third said "I am looking for a dog with green spots and highly unnecessary bottle green eyebrows and I don't like pheasants anyway."—

Say, would you feel peevish. He did anyway and that was why last evening he sat down at a table in the New England and waited vainly for some one to come along and join him.

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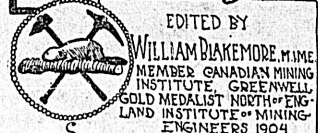
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## Mining Department.



### Mining in the North.

Just what stimulates the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific has already given to the development of mining in Northern British Columbia is not easy of ascertainment, but it is certain that a number of promising prospects are being vigorously exploited in anticipation of transportation. Navigation on the Skeena River is over for the present season, and the inevitable winter mantle of snow has fallen. Consequently the prospecting has been done this year, much more than during previous years, and a large number of new locations have been made and recorded.

The greatest activity has been shown further north on the Portland canal, and as the Annual Report of the principal company operating is now in the press, it will be possible in the course of a day or two to deal with it in these columns, and at the same time a brief review will be given of all the mines and prospects upon which work has been done. Sufficient information is at hand to confirm the opinion held by the most reliable mining men that, with adequate transportation, the northern section of the province will prove to be as rich, and as profitable as the far famed Kootenay in the south.

### Zinc and Spelter.

Much interest is being taken in the zinc convention which opened yesterday at Nelson. Owing to the rapidly increasing demand for spelter the interest in zinc production is becoming more noticeable every year. This is largely due to the fact that American and Canadian makers of corrugated sheets are now doing their own galvanizing, and galvanizing is the branch of the industry which furnishes the largest market for spelter.

Until a few years ago this trade was almost entirely in the hands of the South Staffordshire sheet makers, but by degrees it has become implanted on this side of the Atlantic, and now both American and Canadian manufacturers turn out an article which compares quite favorably with the old product, although the higher grades of thin sheets are still imported.

The use of galvanized corrugated sheets is still in its infancy in Canada. The Australian, South African and Indian markets have kept English manufacturers busy for the last thirty years. The reason of this is two-fold; the abundance of cheap lumber, and the heavy cost of imported sheets. Now that the product has become a standard, the advantages of corrugated iron and lumber are being widely recognized. It is more portable, more durable, and very much less costly in transportation. The only drawback is that it is not well adapted for a damp climate, but, in the dry belt it is easily the best material for barns and outbuildings, and will undoubtedly become more popular every year for this purpose. The Dominion Company, of Glace Bay, Cape Breton, imported corrugated sheets with which to build their immense warehouses in 1894, and the buildings are as good today as when they were erected. The future of zinc is bound up with the corrugated sheet trade for outbuildings, and its development will be watched with interest.

### Granby Dividend.

The affairs of the Granby Mining and Smelting company have recently been dealt with in considerable detail in these columns, it is therefore all the more gratifying to be able to chronicle the announcement of another dividend of 2 per cent, which was announced at the last monthly meeting of the company. This dividend amounts to \$270,000, and is at the rate of 24 per cent per annum.

### Gypsum.

Considerable interest has been excited by the announcement that Messrs. Evans, Coleman, & Evans, the well known Vancouver merchants, have secured a long lease on 800 feet of waterfront at Port Moody for the purposes of erecting a gypsum plant, to be operated by the British Columbia Gypsum company. It is understood that in this matter the Vancouver firm is acting on behalf of the Pacific Coast Gypsum company of Tacoma, which at present has an absolute monopoly of the business at the coast.

The new plant will have a capacity of 50 tons per day of hard wall plaster. The raw material is to be brought from Alaska in large shipments of 5,000 tons each, and for the purpose of transportation the company will own and operate its own steamers. Wharves will be constructed at Port Moody so that the vessels can discharge their cargoes at the mill. It is intended to manufacture hard wall plaster, plaster of Paris, and hair and wood fibre plaster. The mill will adjoin the oil works to the west of Port Moody and will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

Additional interest centres in this development because of the recent action of another Vancouver capitalist in securing control of extensive gypsum areas in the interior of British Columbia. It is intended that these shall be developed by a local company entirely independent of the Tacoma syndicate. The plans of the competing company are progressing favorably, and in a short time it will be possible to make a definite announcement. There is a great opening for this new industry in British Columbia. The rapid growth of Vancouver and Victoria will ensure a market for many years to come. Everything depends on the quality of the gypsum, and in this respect it is stated by experts that the British Columbia deposit is equal to any in Western Canada, or the States.

Oil seems to be the topic of the moment, and it is about time that British Columbia came to her own in connection with this branch of the mining industry. No one who has studied the subject doubts that sooner or later Alberta of British Columbia will be the scene of a development which will surprise the "wiscers" who have always frowned upon its prospects.

It is true that a great deal of money has been spent, and up to date nothing which could fairly be called a gusher has been located, but there are several reasons for this. The first is, that it is doubtful whether any company has yet had at its disposal, at one time, a sufficient sum of money to make such a proof as is necessary. It is equally doubtful whether any company has secured the best technical advice and control. Money has been raised fitfully by the sale of stock which has only

realized capital bit by bit, and few companies have been in a position to make a heavy outlay on the necessary machinery and appliances with a sufficient sum in reserve to ensure its operation over a lengthened period.

Then there has been more than a little trouble with the direction and control of the operations. Either by accident or design several important holes have been lost at a critical stage of the operation, and altogether the work of proof, at any rate in the Flathead district, has been anything but satisfactory.

One weakness is that a number of independent companies have been operating in a restricted area, when it would have been much more economical if they could have combined forces, clubbed their resources and put down one deep hole. It is not as if the existence of commercial oil had been established, in that case it is natural that every company holding promising areas would wish to run down a hole, and if possible secure a gusher, but until one hole in the district has determined that a gusher is a possibility it is a waste of money to divide forces.

All competent authorities agree that if oil is to be found in paying quantities it will be at a depth of from 3,000 to 4,000 feet. Assuming the latter, and allowing for such contingencies as would probably arise in the prosecution of a work of this kind, it would not be reasonable to expect to complete it with an expenditure of less than \$250,000, and it might easily run to a larger amount.

It is now many years since oil "seepages" were first discovered in the Flathead, but in spite of the amount of money spent the various operating companies are as far as ever from a satisfactory solution of the main problem. Meanwhile, promoters in the States have succeeded in making gigantic fortunes for investors in oil; they have also conducted several successful campaigns for the disposal of American stock in Canada, and the end is not yet, for next to gold oil has the greatest fascination for speculators and investors, as evidenced by their willingness to purchase stock.

It is greatly to be desired that the companies operating in the Flathead would get together and devise some scheme by which one proof hole well might be put down the maximum depth required. If successful it would not only solve the problem of commercial oil, but the problem of financing all the other wells necessary to cover the oil country.

### Rescue Places.

A little while after the Extension explosion the Colonist made some comments upon the proposal to provide "rescue" stations in mines for the purpose of furnishing a place of refuge in the event of an explosion. In this connection it is interesting to note that, it has been decided to erect an experimental "rescue" station for the western part of the South Wales coalfield, Swansea being chosen as the site; and already three-fourths of the colliery proprietors in that district have decided to contribute towards its cost of erection and equipment. Plans are complete and the lease of the land has been arranged.

### Rapid Sinking.

With reference to a recent paragraph in these columns on the subject of short-sinking, it will be interesting to know that, a world's record for speed in sinking, and a record also in economy of the cost, are claimed in South Wales with regard to the sinking of the Cambrian company's new naval pit. Commenced on December 23rd, 1908, a depth of 1,350 feet has been attained in (allowing for holidays) less than forty weeks' work.

The pit is 20 feet in diameter, bricked throughout, ranging from 9 inches to 3 feet 6 inches at the top, where the brickwork is set in cement. During

the work the No. 3 Rhondda, Pentre, Abergorhy, 2 feet 9 inches, 4 feet and 6 feet seams have been struck; and opposite each seam in the pit have been constructed arches strengthened by 4 foot walling of masonry. When finally equipped, the pit will be capable of dealing with 4,000 tons of coal in eight hours. Mr. Leonard W. Llewellyn, under whose personal supervision the work has been done, is warmly congratulated upon his achievement, the more so as the whole enterprise has gone through without accident of any kind.

### BACK TO THE SOIL

Interest in Agriculture Stimulated by Governments of Many Nations.

The opening up of the vast arable sections of the Canadian Northwest has attracted the attention of the civilized world to the importance of agriculture, or, rather, it has revived the world's interest in the tillage of the soil. In this province hundreds of acres are being taken up monthly by men who will produce wealth; in other western provinces it is the same. And the return to the soil is not restricted to Canada. In all parts of the world governments are encouraging their people to look to the land.

In the search for land to till as a means of livelihood many unusual incidents occur. In Alberta and in many parts of the western states dry land is being made fertile by the artificial introduction of water in lieu of rain. The reverse is the case in Europe. The entire face of the country has been materially altered by human efforts to drive water from land that is required for agricultural purposes. Of the tillable land of Holland 90 per cent has been wrested from the sea while in Great Britain a third of the land at present sown to the vegetation the world needs, was bog and marsh in the time of King Alfred.

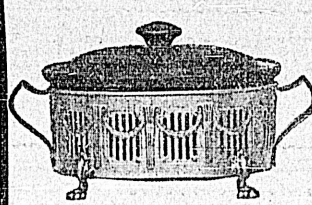
And in the United States, where the work of reclamation has only begun, it is estimated that drainage will add 200,000 square miles to the farm lands area.

Speaking of farms, there is an old Civil War Veteran with a steel hook where one of his arms ought to be, who runs a queer little farm near Washington, the capital of the United States. The greater part of this strange farm is under water, and the old man does not raise any chickens, geese or garden truck. He devotes all his time to the culture of water lilies and the work returns him an annual income of \$1,500. He gave up a position in one of the government departments to take up this unusual task. He plants his lilies in rows keeping the different varieties separate. When he desires to send away a shipment he goes out in a rowboat and hooks the lilies in. He finds a ready sale for his wares in many of the big cities the demand exceeding the supply.

### The Passing of "Old Sack."

Frozen stiff and found dead in a snowbank by a farmer on his way to feed his stock in the early dawn, "Old Sack," a Scotch half-breed, horse and name was Henri Blain and whose dilapidated, wizened figure was familiar on the streets of Winnipeg for many years, has crossed the Great Divide. "Old Sack" was familiar to thousands of Winnipeg children of the past generation. Although little more than a beggar his Indian blood suggested a connection with the romantic days of Old Fort Garry and his tale of woe seldom failed to excite pity and induce a contribution. Boys and Girls delighted to tease the old man and he, stick in hand and hurling awful imprecations, would give chase. The evening before the discovery of his frozen body the old fellow had been having a rather hilarious time with a family of half-breed friends and he was highly illuminated at the time of his demise.

In the jumping competition at the International Horse show held at Chicago the Canadian made a sweep.

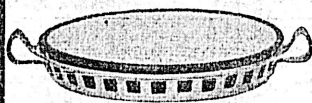


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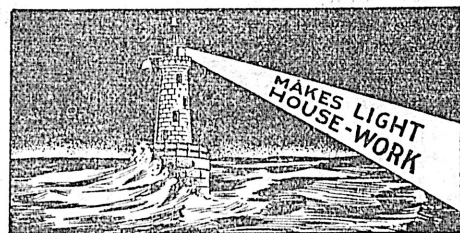
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### WAR ON U. S. STEEL

Formal Declaration of Hostilities Made By Conference of Labor Leaders at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—War was formally declared upon the United States Steel Corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada today at the close of a two days' session. The decision to battle against the company's open shop policy was announced tonight by the labor conference after hours of debate. The

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grievances of organized labor against the Steel Corporation, as set forth in a resolution, were forwarded tonight to President Taft and the United States senate and house of representatives. The resolutions deals principally with the low wages paid the men in the employ of the Steel Corporation, the hours of work and the general condition of oppression under which its employees. The conference which called these men together at Pittsburgh was made possible by a resolution adopted at Toronto by the international labor conference last month, when the convention decided by resolution to meet in Pittsburgh and take a determined stand against the labor attitude of the United States Steel Corporation.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Imperial Preference

Sir—Allow me to make a few observations on your leading article in last Saturday's Colonist, when you say "that so far as the United Kingdom is concerned tariff reform may be absolutely logical, but so far as a United Empire is concerned it is absolutely illogical." Preferential tariffs, however, will have, if they mean anything, to be continually reduced and leading gradually though slowly to free trade within the

Empire. When once this object is attained the British Empire will be such a tremendous power economically, that it could force other nations to lower their tariffs, and in this way leading to free trade all over the world, a state of affairs which the ablest judges on political economy always hope to see materialized.  
S. PRINS.

### Christian Science

Sir—Kindly permit me to correct a mis-statement that appeared in the Colonist of December 12th, with respect to Christian Scientists. There is not now, and there never was, a "revolt" among Christian Scientists against the Mother

Church, either as individuals or as branch churches. Mrs. Stetson, whose influence has been greatly exaggerated by the press, was dismissed from the membership of the Mother Church because of erroneous teaching and practice, and she has since resigned her membership with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in New York, but the work in that and other Christian Science churches is going on the same as heretofore.

The writer of the article in Sunday's Colonist was apparently moved by the spirit of antagonism, rather than of fair-mindedness towards Christian Science. After briefly referring to Dr.

Paget's book, the article concludes that "The important in the book lies in the vigor and common sense with which he has attacked Mrs. Eddy's belief." But why should it be common sense to attack Mrs. Eddy's religious belief, or that of any other person? Whose religious opinions or convictions are so infallible that he can say with impunity that the beliefs which differ from his are "ridiculous"? The human race is surely burdened heavily enough to bid Godspeed to every effort for its relief, rather than to attack any effort because it is of a different school or method than one's own.

Christian Science has brought comfort

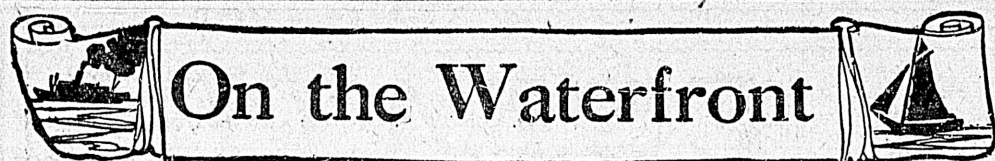
and help to many thousands, among whom are numbers of the most refined and cultured people, lawyers, physicians, judges on the bench, teachers in schools and universities, railroad and bank officials, heads of large manufacturing concerns, army and navy officers, etc. These persons are respected and esteemed in their business and social circles, and would be regarded as "sensible" persons in any court of law; yet to them the teachings of Christian Science are not "ridiculous," but supremely beautiful and inspiring. But even doctors disagree concerning

Christian Science. An allopathic physician of over twenty-five years active practice, but now a Christian Scientist, once told the writer that many of his brother physicians frequently came to him for Christian Science treatment when their own remedies gave them no relief. And only last month a physician, who for eight years belonged to the faculty of a medical college, wrote to Mrs. Eddy, as published in the Christian Science Sentinel: "The absolute and irrefutable logic of your writings appeal to us as nothing else could, and we realize that we are, in the largest

conceivable sense, your grateful debtors therefore. Life brightened, its possibilities enhanced through the ability to employ our faculties, capacities, and powers, in a wider range of usefulness, gives us a joy beyond words." Why should not this physician's verdict—or diagnosis, if you like—be accepted with as much respect and consideration as that of Dr. Paget who, as this article confesses, wrote "in a white heat of indignation"?

SAMUEL GREENWOOD  
Victoria, December 12.





## MANY LINERS AT OUTER WHARF

Knight of the Thistle Comes to  
Load General Cargo and  
Setos to Discharge Nitrate

KUMERIC, ERNA  
AND AORANGI DUE

Knight of the Thistle Has Full  
Crew of Lascars—Setos  
Takes Canadian Exhibit

The steamer Knight of the Thistle, chartered by Doddwell & Co. to carry overflow cargo from the Blue Funnel liner is at the outer wharf loading salt herring and general cargo. The German steamer Setos of the Kosmos line was at the opposite pier discharging nitrate and left for Nanaimo and San Francisco yesterday afternoon. Today the steamer Kumeric of the Vela line is expected from Manila, by way of Hongkong and the usual ports of the far east, leaving Yokohama on December 1, five hours after the Montague of the C. P. R. and the steamer Aorangi of the Canadian-Australian line, which left Honolulu a week ago completing her voyage from Sydney by way of the usual ports of call, is due. Another steamer to come to the outer wharf today is the R. M. S. Empress of China, which is outbound for Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong, carrying a full cargo and a good complement of passengers. From this port she will take 50 Chinese and 8 Hindus.

On Sunday the Blue Funnel liner Bellerophon is expected again to load more cargo here for her homeward voyage. She is now lying at anchor in the harbor and after coaling at Comox will come here to load canned salmon, salt herring, lumber, whale oil and general cargo. The Erna of the Jensen line is also expected, being due from Corinto and way ports.

The Knight of the Thistle, a big freighter, which is taking cargo at the outer wharf and is expected to sail tonight or tomorrow morning, has a Lascar crew. She has 65 of the East India sailormen and Capt. Baker says they make excellent seamen. He has had his present crew for over a year. The Knight of the Thistle came from Philadelphia to this coast, bringing a cargo of coke for the copper mines at Santa Rosalia in the Gulf of California, and called at San Francisco, where she was docked for an overhauling on her way to Puget Sound, where she loaded the bulk of her cargo, and came here after coaling at Comox. The Knight of the Thistle has almost a full cargo. Had it not been for the switchman's strike she would have left cargo on the dock at Seattle. After discharging at Manila, her first port of call, the steamer will proceed to Dalny to load soyabean for Europe. This is a business which is giving employment to many steamers of late. The soyabean grows in Manchuria and North China, and many uses are put to it. Brown beans is the most common, and the bean when roasted gives an equivalent of coffee, soy coffee having quite a vogue in Europe. The bean cake, like huge cartwheels, is used as a cattle food and fertilizer, and oil from the beans is used for many purposes, including the manufacture of edible goods, lubricating, lighting oils, toilet soaps, etc.

The Setos, which is one of the liners of the Kosmos company engaged in the service from Hamburg via South and Central America to Puget Sound, came to discharge 150 tons of nitrate from Chile. She has included in her cargo from Seattle the Canadian exhibit at the Alaska Yukon Pacific exposition, which is being shipped to Europe by way of the Trans-Pacific railroad. Col. Hutchinson, who is in charge of the exhibit, expects to place it on exhibition at Brussels on May 1.

## CUT AWAY MASTS TO SAVE VESSEL

Trading Schooner Sea Wolf Had a  
Stormy Time in Waters Off the  
Alaskan Coast

To save the gasoline schooner Sea Wolf from capsizing and drowning her crew of three during a heavy gale when bound from Kodiak to Nome, Capt. Curry, who returned to Seattle, tells of cutting away the masts and booms of the trading craft. Sea Wolf left Nome on October 31st for Seattle via Siberia, and from that time till she was landed on the beach at Kodiak Island in a badly leaking condition. The vessel was in the water for one hour when the captain and crew were ever in imminent danger.

A few hours after leaving Nome, the Sea Wolf struck the big storm which wrecked the whaler Olga and several of the vessels on the northwest trade at Nome. She foundered in the encounter in the lee of Sledge Island. Her next thrilling experience was at Anadiri, Siberia, where, on October 17, she was carried on the beach by the incoming ice borne shoreward on the tide. She left Anadiri on October 19 and when 200 miles out encountered a storm, which carried her 150 miles out of her course. She was thrown on her beam ends, and when she was righted, it was found that some seams had sprung and she was leaking badly. The small gasoline motor was applied to the pumps, and with her decks awash, she limped into Dutch Harbor, November 10.

There the ship was dragged on the beach and her seams caulked, but misfortune seemed to follow in the schooner's wake, for no sooner was she safely out of the harbor than she encountered another storm, and was compelled to anchor under the lee of Chinbar Island. Leaking badly, the Sea Wolf again put to sea, and finally reached Pirate Cove, Popoff Island, where Capt. Curry obtained the assistance of some men employed by the fishing station on Ungala Island.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 p. m.—Cloudy, calm; bar, 30.1; temp, 38; sea smooth. Point Grey, 8 a. m.—Foggy, calm; bar, 30.5; temp, 38. Tatoosh, 8 p. m.—Cloudy, wind northeast 29 miles; bar, 30.5; temp, 40; sea moderate; out, a steamer, 8.15 p. m.; out, a bar, in tow of, Colonel Blake; in, a steamer, 7.15 p. m. Pechena, 8 a. m.—Cloudy, wind north; bar, 30.1; temp, 35; light swell. Estevan, 8 a. m.—Clear, calm; bar, 30.6; temp, 35; light swell. Cape Lazo, noon.—Cloudy, south-east wind; bar, 29.8; temp, 45; sea smooth; spoke Cottage City north-bound, 10.30 a. m. Point Grey, noon.—Clear, calm; bar, 30.5; temp, 40; sea moderate; no shipping. Tatoosh, noon.—Cloudy, easterly wind; bar, 29.8; temp, 45; sea moderate; no shipping. Pechena, noon.—Clear, calm; bar, 30.1; temp, 38; sea smooth; no shipping. Pechena, noon.—Cloudy, calm; southeasterly breeze; bar, 29.5; temp, 48; sea moderate; no shipping. Cape Lazo, 4 p. m.—Cloudy, south-east wind; bar, 29.8; temp, 47; sea moderate; spoke Cottage City north-bound, 5.30 p. m. Point Grey, 4 p. m.—Clear, southeasterly wind; bar, 29.5; temp, 56; sea smooth; no shipping. Tatoosh, 4 p. m.—Clear, southeasterly wind; bar, 29.5; temp, 56; sea smooth; no shipping. Pechena, 4 p. m.—Clear, southeasterly breeze; bar, 29.8; temp, 46; sea smooth; no shipping.

The Sea Wolf was again beached and caulked, but struck another severe storm the day she cleared. This blow sprang the seams again, this time so badly that the greatest difficulty was experienced in keeping her afloat. She was towed to the mainland, but the precipitous cliffs and heavy surf made a landing impossible. She lay there for three days and nights, her crew working the pumps incessantly. At the end of that time the storm subsided, and Capt. Curry managed to navigate the Kodiak Island, where he laid the vessel up for the winter.

Capt. Curry said that two-thirds of a valuable cargo of furs obtained at Anadiri had been lost.

## PRINCE RUPERT ON TRIANGULAR RUN

One G. T. P. Steamer Will Run  
to Mainland Ports, Other  
to Prince Rupert

The new turbine steamer Prince Rupert, first of the three funnelled liners of the Grand Trunk Pacific company to be launched by Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson from their Tyne shipyard, will be placed on the triangular route between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver, maintaining a similar service to that of the C.P.R. three-funnelled liners, while the Prince George, second of the fleet, will run to Prince Rupert. Announcement of this effect was made by G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the G.T.P., yesterday, when he met the council of the Board of Trade and members of the Inner Harbor association to discuss the proposed changes in the wharves to be built on the inner harbor. The original plans were for wharves extending 400 feet, but in consequence of the protests made, the length was curtailed to 300 feet and arrangements made to excavate further into the land of the wharf site. The steamers of the company will be 306 feet long, and it was maintained that piers of at least 200 feet in length would be required. The time for reception of tenders for the work was extended to December 27th. Work will be commenced as soon as the contract is let and it is expected the wharves will be ready in April.

To Obtain Names  
The steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George will be registered in England. Under the new Canadian regulations whereby shipowners are not permitted to give their vessels names already in use in Canada had the new steamers been registered in Canada a difficulty would probably have arisen regarding the names, as there are Canadian steamers named Prince Rupert and Prince George in service on the Atlantic coast. The names of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamers, however, have been submitted to the authorities and accepted, and have been registered at Lloyd's.

Capt. C. H. Nicholson, superintendent of the Grand Trunk Pacific company's steamship services on the Pacific, and a party of railroad officials, including G. T. Bell, assistant passenger traffic manager; W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent; Winnipeg; J. E. Dalrymple, assistant freight traffic manager; Winnipeg; and Mr. Salter, European manager of the G.T.P., are expected to reach Victoria from the mainland today, and a further meeting will be held with the Board of Trade and Inner Harbor association to discuss the plans for the local wharf.

## BIG SALVAGE CASE

Standard Oil Company Brings Suit for  
\$41,940 on Account of Asuncion—  
Norwood Collision

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—A suit for \$41,940 to recover an aggregate of \$41,940 from the owners of the steam schooner Norwood was brought in the United States district court yesterday by the Standard Oil company, owner of the steamer Asuncion. These vessels were in collision during a heavy fog October 8, 1908, about four miles off Point Gorda.

It is claimed by the libellant that at the time of the collision, in answer to warnings of the lookout, the Asuncion's engines were "blinded" and "all speed." It is alleged that the Norwood put her head the wrong way in response to the whistle and attempted to cross the bows of the Asuncion. Damages in \$24,000 are alleged as well as \$17,950 for 33 days' loss of the use of the vessel.

## SHIPWRECKED AT NAWITTIE BAR

Steamer Vadso Brings News of  
Misfortune to Settlers—Op-  
timists From Stewart

Shipwrecked at the north end of Vancouver Island when their gasoline boat stranded at Nawittie bar during the recent gales a party of eight settlers landed at Shushartle bay from the steamer Vadso to settle at the north of Vancouver Island. Most of their effects, and some of the party, had narrow escapes from drowning, according to advices brought by the Vadso on her return to port yesterday morning. The children were thrown into the water, and were rescued with difficulty. The whole party had a strenuous experience. They were rescued by one of the government steamers—those on the Vadso did not learn which—and were landed at the place chosen for their new home.

The Vadso made a special trip to Stewart, the future metropolis at the head of Portland canal, to bring Mr. Hopkins and party who have been making surveys for a railroad to be constructed by Mackenzie & Mann in that district. The weather was extremely cold, there being three feet of snow, and until after leaving the Skeena southbound the Vadso had six inches of ice on her deck. The thermometer was down to zero.

Portland Canal  
Mr. Hopkins and party are enthusiastic regarding the future of the mining district of which Stewart is the centre, and a most optimistic feeling prevails among the residents. "Mark my words," said one of the party, "Stewart will be the centre of a mining camp with as large a payroll as Butte before long."

Other passengers of the Boscowitz company's steamer included Mr. Chew, of the Red Cliff Mining company, and some mining men who have been completing deals for the purchase of property on the Naas. Mr. Von Rhys, formerly of the Marble Bay mines on Texada and now consulting engineer of some Mexican mines, was a passenger. Portland canal to make investigations. W. P. Hinton, formerly of the Naas, Mr. Von Rhys, formerly of the Marble Bay mines on Texada and now consulting engineer of some Mexican mines, was a passenger.

The whaling steamers Orion and St. Lawrence were seen at work in the Gulf of Georgia by those on board the Vadso. The Orion was seen shooting a harpoon at a whale, and the St. Lawrence had one in tow. Both were in the vicinity of Sechart. The Vadso coaled at Comox and also loaded 250 tons of coal for Prince Rupert.

## COLLAPSE OF SAILING SHIP UNION

Abolition of Minimum Grain Rate  
Came Too Late to Benefit  
Idle Craft

The collapse of the sailing ship combine and the consequent abolition of the minimum grain rate of 27s. 6d. for the voyage from the North Pacific to the United Kingdom or Continent is too late to be of much advantage, although it may induce one or two extra grain charters. The cable advices published yesterday morning announcing the removal of the international sailing vessels embraced in the International Sailing Ship Owners' Union from this date until July next aroused much interest on the waterfront. The union is the powerful European organization containing in its membership practically all the large British and French sailing vessels capable of handling grain, which has maintained an arbitrary minimum rate on grain shipping from the North Pacific to Europe and the withdrawal of restrictions means that the sailing ship men have found it impossible to impose the minimum rate of 27s. 6d. on the grain in the face of the existing market and shipping conditions, and that vessels of the union will be permitted to accept any rate they may be able to obtain.

Same as Last Year

The action in removing the restriction this year is in line with what occurred last season. The rate restrictions applied only to grain from North Pacific coast ports to the United Kingdom or the continent, and by the agreement entered into by ship owners last year the union there was a heavy penalty for a vessel accepting grain at anything under the minimum.

The collapse of the combine is owing to two principal causes, the existence of market conditions which are not encouraging to export and the general demoralization of the shipping market, which has led steam carriers to seek grain trade at rates within a couple of shillings of the sail craft and a delivery from two or three months in advance of the interest on the money tied up in the grain. Insurance and other details the shippers have given the preference to the steamer.

Falling to secure grain charters, a number of the sailing ships have taken lumber, there being no restriction on the rates of lumber, and the British ship Ben-lee is loading for Australia at 23 shillings and 6 pence. The British ship Kirkcubrightshire for Algon bay at 55 shillings, and the French bark Max for Sydney at 30 shillings, the lumber cargo per thousand equalling in freight space about two tons of grain. The British ship Celtic Monarch, which was the disengaged liner, is reported to have secured a lumber charter for the west coast of South America. Two French barks, the Charles Guindon, now in Seattle, and the Michele, at Tacoma, have wheat charters.

Ten Vessels on Sound

There are ten vessels of the union now on Puget Sound without outbound charters, the latest arrival being the French bark Pierre Loti, which was reported passing in at Cape Flattery yesterday. The disengaged liner, several of these ships have waited two seasons rather than accept rates under the union minimum, and during the interval a number of French vessels, who enjoy a bounty, have sailed away in ballast rather than accept lower rates. The British ship Crompton has been on the coast since June, 1908; the

British ship Halewood at Esquimalt, since November, 1908; the British ship Haddon Hall since December, 1908, and the British ship Celtic Monarch since 1908, owing to the inability to secure charters equal to the union minimum, and there is a total net register of 19,227 tons disengaged in Sound waters today of these British and French ships.

The following is the list of other union vessels disengaged on the Sound: British ship Celticburn, at Quartermaster; French bark Empereur Menelick, at Seattle; British ship Riverside, at Tacoma; British ship Stronsa, at Port Townsend; British ship Wray Castle, at Vancouver, B. C.

## CAPT. VOSS HAD TOPLINE SCHOONER

Victorian in Command of Japanese  
Seagoing Schooner, During  
the Season Just Closed.

Advices were received from Japan by the steamer Montague of a season of gratifying success for an ex-Victorian, well known all the world around, Capt. J. C. Voss, of Tillamook fame, having returned to Yokohama with the largest catch of sea porpoise ever landed at that port, viz., 1,093. This also is by the way the topline take of the season just closed insofar as the pelagic sealers of the North Pacific are concerned, the topline of Victoria's diminished fleet being the Thomas F. Bayard, with 921. Capt. Voss' schooner was out just six months and twenty-three days. The greater part of her luck was met with off the Kurilo Islands, and the skins are of exceptional quality. It is expected that they will be shipped to London by the trans-Siberian route, in order to reach the world's market in time for the Lamson sales.

## UMATILLA WILL CARRY MENAGERIE

French's Animals, Twenty of Them,  
Will Be Among Cargo of Steam-  
er for Golden Gate

When the steamer Umatilla leaves for San Francisco this morning she will be a floating menagerie, and Vancouver Island will be shy of its largest collection of wild animals in captivity. Mr. French, whose menagerie at Saanich has been the attraction of his neighbors for some time, particularly since the escape some time ago of a lioness, is booked as a passenger with twenty of his animals. He is taking lions, panthers, wolves, coyotes, pumas, and many other animals—twenty cases having been purchased for the steamer yesterday to be embarked on the Umatilla and the longshoremen are not too keen to assist in putting them on board. The steamer Senator is to replace the Queen on the San Francisco run at the end of the year.

## SCHOONER BALBOA WON SAILING RACE

Reached San Pedro With Stays, Sails  
and Part of Deck Load Gone  
After Rough Trip

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Stripped of stays and sails and with part of her deckload gone, the schooner Balboa, Capt. Burmeister, arrived last night from Tacoma, winning the race from that port with the schooner Nokomis and the tugboat Bennett. After the Balboa had docked, Capt. Burmeister's first question was for tidings of the schooners Lottie Bennett and Nokomis. At the Strait of Juan de Fuca the weather outside was too rough for such small vessels and for ten days the three schooners lay stormbound in Clallam bay. November 17 they nosed outside the headlands in a fierce gale. The Nokomis and Lottie Bennett put back for safety, but the Balboa, failing in making headway, was driven back by the wind and the starboard scupper awash. Capt. Burmeister's only hope was in keeping off the rocks. Waves stripped the fastenings of the lumber on deck and scattered it in the wake of the vessel. Deckload, booms, gangway, ladders and everything else movable on deck went by the board, including 20,000 feet of lumber.

The Balboa, Nokomis and Lottie Bennett left Tacoma about together and with a day's start from Clallam bay the Balboa was the winner. The others have not yet arrived.

Springbank Overdue

The British bark Springbank, owned by Andrew Weir & Co., has been placed on the overdue list and is quoted for reinsurance at twelve per cent, owing to her long voyage from Vancouver to Sydney. She was last reported by the Tautoosh for Sydney on August 14th.

J. L. Card Ashore

The steamer John L. Card was ashore at Heriot bay on Sunday night. When the steamer Cassiar, which reached Vancouver yesterday, passed southbound, the John L. Card was on the beach, lying stern on. Details of the occurrence were not secured, but the steamer was damaged and was not in danger. She is operated by the Boscowitz Steamship company, and was bound for Quathlasca cove.

Bessie Dollar Leaves

The steamer Bessie Dollar left San Francisco last night for Victoria with 900 tons of sulphur from North Japan for the Victoria Chemical works. The Dollar liner is to be the first steamer to moor alongside the new wharf of the Victoria chemical company. The Bessie Dollar is due on Sunday. The Erna, of the Jensen line, is also on the way from San Francisco, having left the Bay City on Tuesday.

Repairs for Skeena

PRINCE RUPERT, Dec. 15.—Foley, Welch & Stewart's river steamer Skeena, Captain Magar, made her last trip of the season and was taken to the company's ways on Digby Island on Wednesday to undergo needed repairs during the winter months. The Skeena was the first steamer to make the trip up the river last summer and has been running steadily all summer. For the last two trips she has had to almost cut her way through the ice to reach the different camps with supplies in order that the men may be kept at work all winter. On her last trip down the river she was struck by a hole in her bow on the port side, and although the water was pouring in, through the coolness and prompt action of her captain, she was quickly repaired and after the damage had been repaired brought safely to Prince Rupert.

## THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES OF "FLOATING HOTEL" CELEBRITIES.

The Doctor.

For the first brief moment I thought that the Doctor was himself in need of medical treatment, for I found him, staring fixedly at his reflection in the looking-glass and making weird and mysterious motions with his hands.

"Shall I—or shall I call again?" I said, as he turned sharply round. "Not at all, not at all," he answered amiably. "Step right in and squat yourself down. I was only practising hypnotism," he added, noticing, "no doubt, my look of wonderment."

"Practising hypnotism!" I echoed, in surprise. "Prac—" Then light dawned upon me. "Aha!" I said, with a smile. "Sea-sickness, eh? The new cure, What?"

The Doctor grinned and nodded his head.

"And what do you think of the idea?" I asked him.

He peeped round the door to make sure that no one was listening, and then winked. "Not much," he said. "Same here," I assured him, heartily. "And now, Doc," I went on, leaning back and assuming a magisterial air, "I want you to tell me all about your side of ship life. About your patients, you know, and their ailments, and all that sort of thing."

The Doctor's face took on a pained expression.

"My dear fellow," he said, "if there's one thing I hate more than another, it's talking ship. And," he continued, "if there's one thing I hate more than talking ship, it's practising it. People who come to sea to be ill ought to bring their own medical men with 'em."

"But really, Doc—," I began.

"You wouldn't believe what nuisances some of 'em make themselves," he proceeded. "Only last voyage we had an old girl who kept pestering me from morning to night. She'd even interrupted me when I was playing bridge."

"No," I cried in an orthodox tone of horror.

"Fact!" said the Doctor, impressively. "I got rid of her at last, though. 'Madam,' I said, 'what you want is a good strong dose of glue.' 'Glue?' she yelled. 'Yes, glue,' I said. 'You go to the carpenter and tell him to melt down about half a pound. Then drink it up and lie down for twenty-four hours. At the end of that time I'll come and have another look at you.' 'But I never heard of such a thing!' she said. 'Perhaps not, ashore,' I answered, 'but at sea it's different. The fact is, Madam, I said with an awfully confidential sort of air, the vibration of the ship makes your inside wobble about to such an extent that I can't possibly find out what's the matter with it. The glue will stiffen it, and I shall then be able to diagnose the case correctly.' That settled her. She went off with her nose in the air, and I saw nothing more of her until the day we arrived."

"God! Bravo! Encore!" I cried.

"Let's have another Doc!"

The Doctor looked at me with sudden suspicion.

"Oh! What I've meant?" he rapped out. "Dye think I'm not telling the truth?"

"I'm sure you're not," I said, pleasantly.

"Look here," said the Doctor, very angrily. "I'm going to prescribe for you. I prescribe plenty of walking exercise, the first dose to be taken immediately. Quick march!"

I marched. I ought to have remembered that a ship's doctor often falls into the habit of believing that his stories are true.—Syren and Shipping.

## RESTORER WILL REPAIR CABLE

Pacific Cable Company's Steamer Will  
Commence Work on Sun-  
day in Gulf

The cable steamer Restorer received orders yesterday to make repairs to the cable of the B. C. Telephone company between Telegraph Bay and San Juan Island; broken during the recent storms. The cable passes over a submarine cliff, and the surging of the waves has caused the cable to be frayed and broken in several places. The cable was used by the Western Union Telegraph company. The Restorer is to commence work on Saturday. Owing to the interruptions of the above cable and that which the Western Union cable suffered in August last, and which has not as yet been remedied, the sole means of communication by wire between Vancouver Island and the Mainland is via the line of the C. P. R. telegraph.

New Mission Steamer.

The keel for the new mission steamer for the Anglican church was laid on Tuesday at the ways of the Westminster Marine Railway company, of Lulu Island. The work must necessarily proceed rather slowly at the present time, owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable material, the oak of which the

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# PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

dropped dead at Newcastle Island on Monday night.  
One hundred and eight immigrants from the United States entered Canada by way of Grand Forks during November.  
The Belcher mine at Republic has taken a contract to deliver two carloads of ore per week at the Consolidated smelter.  
Hon. Justice Murphy held his first Court at Nelson Monday, when S. S. Taylor, K. C. proffered the congratulations of the local bar.  
The marriages took place at Vancouver Monday of F. A. Pollock and Miss J. McKeever and A. H. Allison and Miss Alice Bonar.  
C. A. Quintard, manager for a touring theatre company, has been released on suspended sentence at Fernie, upon conviction of issuing a bogus check.  
Construction of the new \$250,000 building of the Canada Life in Vancouver begins early in the spring.  
Tsuenke, Nuvamura, a Japanese,

sub-divide the property and put it on the market at once.

A petition is in circulation asking that the Minister of Public Works run the proposed Kamloops-Grand Prairie-Vernon telephone line via Rose Hill so as to secure a much shorter and generally more beneficial route.

Joseph Preston and George Taylor, two youthful burglars, were on Tuesday sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Vancouver, for the thefts from the premises of the Drysdale Company.

Charles Nelson of Phoenix, supposed to be afflicted with the South African sleeping sickness, died at Vancouver Monday after a 60-hour nap. The symptoms continue identical with those of the South African malady.

The referendum as to New Westminster's future form of government, taken in coincidence with the recent municipal election, resulted in a decision to abandon the special charter and bring the city under the general provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act.

Killed an Italian  
A powder house at a construction camp at Copper River was blown up Monday, and an Italian named Minsteron instantly killed. A small powder house at the railway camp near Hole in the Wall on the Skeena river, containing a number of cases of high explosives, blew up on Saturday morning, resulting in a death and the railway grade and the Yukon telegraph line. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Sent Back to Coast  
Nine of the ten specials sent to Hazelton from Prince Rupert were discharged on arrival and ordered back to the coast, the government considering their protection not necessary. One man was placed on the permanent force and will remain at Hazelton. The residents wired the member for the district also to the premier asking that all specials be retained here until the opening of navigation in May, but to no effect. The party left with the mail carriers for the coast last week. Two more Indians of Klappan valley have been found guilty of participating in the recent trouble and were given two months each. Otherwise the Indian situation is quiet.

Interesting Developments Promised.  
In the arrest on a forgery charge in Vancouver of George W. Maynard, formerly in the employ of the B. C. Electric Railway company there promises to be developments of a sensational nature in the case brought against several prominent B. C. Electric officials last year for misappropriating funds. At that time (August and September, 1908) Maynard and another man named Sharman were charged with falsifying the company's payrolls, and the latter was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined \$100. The former, however, defaulted his bail and was not heard of for months, when he returned to Vancouver, and no prosecution was made by the bondsmen. The charge against him at the first arrest on August 1st, 1908, was that of the theft of \$56 from the company, and the warrant executed yesterday accuses him of forgery, that of a check for \$59 on the Bank of Commerce signed by "A. Smith," and drawn on August 16th, 1907. It is stated that this is but a single charge and that others in reference to the B. C. Electric case will be preferred. His bail was fixed at \$2,000 for himself, and two sureties of \$1,000, but it was not secured.

Connected with the case and that against Sharman were the arrest and conviction last September of the former Superintendent of the company, James Milne, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment on the charge of misappropriating \$1,000 from the company, including in all 22 distinct charges. His defence at the time was that he had trusted his private work to a foreman in the company's employ and was not aware that material going into his private enterprises was being charged to the company. It is now stated that a confession has been made, which would tend to exonerate Milne, and which alleges a conspiracy. When the case goes forward, it is expected to have very sensational and far-reaching developments. The arrest is further alleged to have a material connection with this supposed confession.

EXTEND IRRIGATION  
CANADIAN PACIFIC PREPARING PLANS FOR EASTERN PART OF CALGARY DISTRICT.

CALGARY, Dec. 15.—For the purpose of centralizing the work of colonization of all Canadian Pacific lands in Alberta it has been decided to transfer all business through the Calgary offices. Heretofore the Canadian Pacific Alberta land apart from Bow Valley was administered through Winnipeg. Such is the statement of J. S. Dennis, assistant to Second Vice-President Whyte, of the C. P. R., who has returned from the East, where he was in conference with other officials regarding the extension of the irrigation system east of Calgary during the coming year.

It is now expected that the construction of a system of canals will be undertaken this coming year in the eastern section, and fully 500,000 acres served with water. Sales of lands for colonization have approximated a million a month for the past six months. The result is that the company is justified in launching a still more extensive campaign in Great Britain and the continent. C. W. Peterson, manager of the Canadian Pacific Irrigation colonization company, is now in Europe extending the agency until at least four hundred agents will be employed.

A conference of American agents was held in Chicago by Mr. Dennis and Mr. Peterson, and the gathering represented over one thousand American agents. That greatly increased agricultural developments will take place next year throughout southern Alberta is evidenced by the fact that Americans are already endeavoring to contract with the development department of the Canadian Pacific Irrigation and colonization company for breaking and cropping to be done immediately upon the opening of the season. Applications are being received and placed on file. It is expected that this department will break at least 25,000 acres of virgin prairie during

the coming season. To complete this work it is expected that at least 32 gasoline or steam plows will be utilized, as well as a limited amount of horse power. Settlers of the district will have in 1910 an opportunity for securing most lucrative employment.

FERNIE INCIDENT  
Post Office Wrecked by City Authorities in Carrying Out Fire Limit By-law.

NELSON, Dec. 15.—Considerable excitement was created in Fernie yesterday when a detachment of police and firemen acting under instructions from the city council began the work of pulling down the temporary post-office.

A by-law exists which made it compulsory that all temporary buildings within the fire limits should be removed before November 1, 1909. The postoffice is at present located in a wooden building within the limits, its large new brick structure is not yet completed and the postmaster has been notified on several occasions to remove his office which he has failed to do.

Yesterday morning the fire chief with a squad of men began the demolition of the structure and succeeded in tearing out the whole front and part of the sides leaving it in a badly wrecked condition. As a result of the trouble there has been no distribution of mail much to the inconvenience of the business men and the general public. The work of demolition was suspended in the afternoon and the postal authorities and the city council will meet in conference and endeavor to come to some satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

H. J. Johnson, the postmaster, claims that he is being discriminated against as the council has allowed several other temporary structures to remain within the fire limits until the permanent buildings are finished.

NELSON ASSIZES  
Mr. Justice Murphy Holding His First Court—Judgment Given in Two Cases.

NELSON, Dec. 15.—At the assizes yesterday Mr. Justice Murphy gave judgment for the defendants in the action of Mighton & Cavanaugh vs. Swedburg for \$5,000 commission on the sale of the Queen Victoria mine. R. S. Lennie and E. C. Wragg appeared for the plaintiffs and S. S. Taylor and James O'Shea for the defendant.

The suit of B. N. Quimette against the Forty Mile Creek Mining Company for \$1900, balance of wages, was undefended and judgment was given for the plaintiff. James O'Shea appeared for Quimette.

The action of J. L. Stocks vs. The China Creek Lumber company was undefended. Mr. Stocks sues for the setting aside of an agreement of sale of certain fruit lands on the Columbia river for which he paid \$15,000 and for the return of the purchase price, on the ground that the water available for irrigation was misrepresented and the title to part of the land was invalid. A. M. Johnson and S. S. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff and R. S. Lennie and E. C. Wragg for the defendant.

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One hundred and eight immigrants from the United States entered Canada by way of Grand Forks during November.

The Belcher mine at Republic has taken a contract to deliver two carloads of ore per week at the Consolidated smelter.

Hon. Justice Murphy held his first Court at Nelson Monday, when S. S. Taylor, K. C. proffered the congratulations of the local bar.

The marriages took place at Vancouver Monday of F. A. Pollock and Miss J. McKeever and A. H. Allison and Miss Alice Bonar.

C. A. Quintard, manager for a touring theatre company, has been released on suspended sentence at Fernie, upon conviction of issuing a bogus check.

Construction of the new \$250,000 building of the Canada Life in Vancouver begins early in the spring.

Tsuenke, Nuvamura, a Japanese,

sub-divide the property and put it on the market at once.

A petition is in circulation asking that the Minister of Public Works run the proposed Kamloops-Grand Prairie-Vernon telephone line via Rose Hill so as to secure a much shorter and generally more beneficial route.

Joseph Preston and George Taylor, two youthful burglars, were on Tuesday sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Vancouver, for the thefts from the premises of the Drysdale Company.

Charles Nelson of Phoenix, supposed to be afflicted with the South African sleeping sickness, died at Vancouver Monday after a 60-hour nap. The symptoms continue identical with those of the South African malady.

The referendum as to New Westminster's future form of government, taken in coincidence with the recent municipal election, resulted in a decision to abandon the special charter and bring the city under the general provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act.

Killed an Italian  
A powder house at a construction camp at Copper River was blown up Monday, and an Italian named Minsteron instantly killed. A small powder house at the railway camp near Hole in the Wall on the Skeena river, containing a number of cases of high explosives, blew up on Saturday morning, resulting in a death and the railway grade and the Yukon telegraph line. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Sent Back to Coast  
Nine of the ten specials sent to Hazelton from Prince Rupert were discharged on arrival and ordered back to the coast, the government considering their protection not necessary. One man was placed on the permanent force and will remain at Hazelton. The residents wired the member for the district also to the premier asking that all specials be retained here until the opening of navigation in May, but to no effect. The party left with the mail carriers for the coast last week. Two more Indians of Klappan valley have been found guilty of participating in the recent trouble and were given two months each. Otherwise the Indian situation is quiet.

Interesting Developments Promised.  
In the arrest on a forgery charge in Vancouver of George W. Maynard, formerly in the employ of the B. C. Electric Railway company there promises to be developments of a sensational nature in the case brought against several prominent B. C. Electric officials last year for misappropriating funds. At that time (August and September, 1908) Maynard and another man named Sharman were charged with falsifying the company's payrolls, and the latter was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined \$100. The former, however, defaulted his bail and was not heard of for months, when he returned to Vancouver, and no prosecution was made by the bondsmen. The charge against him at the first arrest on August 1st, 1908, was that of the theft of \$56 from the company, and the warrant executed yesterday accuses him of forgery, that of a check for \$59 on the Bank of Commerce signed by "A. Smith," and drawn on August 16th, 1907. It is stated that this is but a single charge and that others in reference to the B. C. Electric case will be preferred. His bail was fixed at \$2,000 for himself, and two sureties of \$1,000, but it was not secured.

Connected with the case and that against Sharman were the arrest and conviction last September of the former Superintendent of the company, James Milne, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment on the charge of misappropriating \$1,000 from the company, including in all 22 distinct charges. His defence at the time was that he had trusted his private work to a foreman in the company's employ and was not aware that material going into his private enterprises was being charged to the company. It is now stated that a confession has been made, which would tend to exonerate Milne, and which alleges a conspiracy. When the case goes forward, it is expected to have very sensational and far-reaching developments. The arrest is further alleged to have a material connection with this supposed confession.

EXTEND IRRIGATION  
CANADIAN PACIFIC PREPARING PLANS FOR EASTERN PART OF CALGARY DISTRICT.

CALGARY, Dec. 15.—For the purpose of centralizing the work of colonization of all Canadian Pacific lands in Alberta it has been decided to transfer all business through the Calgary offices. Heretofore the Canadian Pacific Alberta land apart from Bow Valley was administered through Winnipeg. Such is the statement of J. S. Dennis, assistant to Second Vice-President Whyte, of the C. P. R., who has returned from the East, where he was in conference with other officials regarding the extension of the irrigation system east of Calgary during the coming year.

It is now expected that the construction of a system of canals will be undertaken this coming year in the eastern section, and fully 500,000 acres served with water. Sales of lands for colonization have approximated a million a month for the past six months. The result is that the company is justified in launching a still more extensive campaign in Great Britain and the continent. C. W. Peterson, manager of the Canadian Pacific Irrigation colonization company, is now in Europe extending the agency until at least four hundred agents will be employed.

A conference of American agents was held in Chicago by Mr. Dennis and Mr. Peterson, and the gathering represented over one thousand American agents. That greatly increased agricultural developments will take place next year throughout southern Alberta is evidenced by the fact that Americans are already endeavoring to contract with the development department of the Canadian Pacific Irrigation and colonization company for breaking and cropping to be done immediately upon the opening of the season. Applications are being received and placed on file. It is expected that this department will break at least 25,000 acres of virgin prairie during

the coming season. To complete this work it is expected that at least 32 gasoline or steam plows will be utilized, as well as a limited amount of horse power. Settlers of the district will have in 1910 an opportunity for securing most lucrative employment.

FERNIE INCIDENT  
Post Office Wrecked by City Authorities in Carrying Out Fire Limit By-law.

NELSON, Dec. 15.—Considerable excitement was created in Fernie yesterday when a detachment of police and firemen acting under instructions from the city council began the work of pulling down the temporary post-office.

A by-law exists which made it compulsory that all temporary buildings within the fire limits should be removed before November 1, 1909. The postoffice is at present located in a wooden building within the limits, its large new brick structure is not yet completed and the postmaster has been notified on several occasions to remove his office which he has failed to do.

Yesterday morning the fire chief with a squad of men began the demolition of the structure and succeeded in tearing out the whole front and part of the sides leaving it in a badly wrecked condition. As a result of the trouble there has been no distribution of mail much to the inconvenience of the business men and the general public. The work of demolition was suspended in the afternoon and the postal authorities and the city council will meet in conference and endeavor to come to some satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

H. J. Johnson, the postmaster, claims that he is being discriminated against as the council has allowed several other temporary structures to remain within the fire limits until the permanent buildings are finished.

NELSON ASSIZES  
Mr. Justice Murphy Holding His First Court—Judgment Given in Two Cases.

NELSON, Dec. 15.—At the assizes yesterday Mr. Justice Murphy gave judgment for the defendants in the action of Mighton & Cavanaugh vs. Swedburg for \$5,000 commission on the sale of the Queen Victoria mine. R. S. Lennie and E. C. Wragg appeared for the plaintiffs and S. S. Taylor and James O'Shea for the defendant.

The suit of B. N. Quimette against the Forty Mile Creek Mining Company for \$1900, balance of wages, was undefended and judgment was given for the plaintiff. James O'Shea appeared for Quimette.

The action of J. L. Stocks vs. The China Creek Lumber company was undefended. Mr. Stocks sues for the setting aside of an agreement of sale of certain fruit lands on the Columbia river for which he paid \$15,000 and for the return of the purchase price, on the ground that the water available for irrigation was misrepresented and the title to part of the land was invalid. A. M. Johnson and S. S. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff and R. S. Lennie and E. C. Wragg for the defendant.

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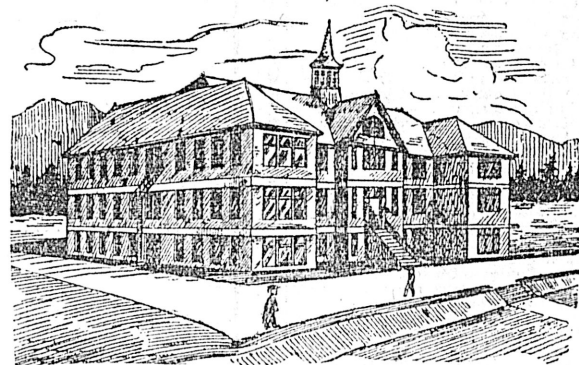
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## THE FLEET IN HOME WATERS

Changes in Distribution of Naval Squadrons Is Proposed

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Early next year changes of great importance will be made in the distribution of the British fleet, the force in the North Sea. The Second division of the Home Fleet, consisting of the eight battleships of the King Edward class, and the Second Cruiser Squadron, consisting of the armored cruisers Shannon, Natal, Achilles, Warrior and Cochrane, will be permanently based on the Orkney Islands. These twelve large ships will be supported by twenty-four destroyers.

The First Division of the Home Fleet consisting of four Dreadnoughts, and two Lord Nelsons, and two other battleships, with the First Cruiser Squadron, composed of three light cruisers, will be permanently based on the Clyde.

These changes will raise the fully commissioned strength of the fleet in home waters from twenty-two or twenty-eight battleships, and will compensate for the reductions carried out three years ago. Early next year the China Fleet will be remodelled, the armored cruisers King Alfred, Kent, Monmouth, and Suffolk being replaced by the more modern and powerful Minotaur, Shannon and Defence.

**Jail for Automobilist.**  
HARTFORD, CONN., Dec. 15.—Montague Roberts, the well-known automobilist, was found guilty today of a violation of the automobile law, and was sentenced to jail for thirty days and fined \$150. The court refused to set the verdict aside. The trial grew out of an accident in Southington on Sept. 17, in which P. W. Miller, of New Britain, was badly injured.

**Disciplined by Carrie.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"You ought not to smoke," admonished Carrie Nation, the hatchet wielder in the cause of temperance to the doorkeeper as she entered the gallery of the House of Representatives today. The doorkeeper laughed. In one of the corridors a messenger was smoking a cigarette. Biff, went a blow at the demon nicotine and Carrie Nation's right arm shot the cigarette into the air. In the office building Carrie started a barking match with the doorkeeper and was escorted outside by the capital police.

### GERMANY'S FOOD

Radical Member of Saxony Parliament Complains of Increasing Cost.

DRESDEN, Dec. 15.—Discussing the increased price of meat, in the second chamber today, Herr Koch, a radical member, said that dear meat meant dear bread and dear everything else in

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Sometimes the gas discharged is of a fetid character, and may, indeed, as to render the unfortunate person's presence almost unbearable to others. Owing to imperfect secretory action, or to a defective state of the gastric juice, putrefactive changes take place among the contents of the stomach, and as the result sulphuretted hydrogen and other such foul gaseous products of decomposition, are evolved. Hence the eructations or belchings present the offensive odor of decayed animal and vegetable matter, and the victim of this deplorable condition usually has a continuous bad breath, which is so disagreeable as to cause them to be shunned by their friends.

The medical profession invariably prescribes and recommends the use of charcoal for the correction and cure of this condition, which has often been the means of causing people to avoid social intercourse, and the pleasures of the theatre, and other public places of amusement. This deprivation is, however, wholly unnecessary, as charcoal is a wonderful absorbent of gases, and possesses the power of absorbing one hundred times its own volume; and when Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges, which are made from the best willow charcoal, are taken into the stomach, every particle of the foul gases existing there is removed by absorption, decomposition and fermentation of food is prevented, and the stomach and entire intestinal system is made pure and antiseptic, all disease germs and microbes being destroyed and removed.

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## ELEVEN DEATHS IN TRAIN WRECK

Passenger Train on Southern Railway Thrown From Trestle

GREENSBORO, N.C., Dec. 15.—Local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern railway was wrecked at Ready Fork trestle, ten miles north of here, early today, and this evening eleven bodies have been removed from the wreckage, and twenty-five are in the hospital. Three dead are believed to remain beneath the wreckage tonight.

George Gould, who was with his son in one of the Pullmans, escaped uninjured. The Goulds and their friend, R. H. Russell, of New York, formerly editor of the Metropolitan Magazine, had just got out of their berth when the wreck occurred. Mr. Russell was badly hurt by coming in contact with a car stove.

The wreck was caused by a broken rail. The day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek, twenty feet below.

**Winnipeg School Change.**  
WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—E. A. Garratt, B. A., for twenty years science master of the Winnipeg Collegiate, has been named as principal of that institution, succeeding A. P. Schofield, resigned.

**Against Plumping.**  
WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—The four controllers elected yesterday are in favor of having a law placed on the statute books against "plumping," which will require all voters to vote for four controllers. Under the present system electors can vote for one, two, three, or four as they desire.

**Killed By Live Wire.**  
ELIZABETH, N.J., Dec. 15.—Joseph and George Adams, brothers, ten and fourteen years old, respectively, were found dead on the railroad track here tonight, shocked to death by a high power feed wire which had fallen from above. They were clasped in each other's arms, indicating that one of the little boys had stepped on the wire first and that the other had met death trying to drag him to safety.

**Fatal Fire in Syracuse.**  
SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 15.—A fire brick building on South Clinton street which broke out in the fourth story this afternoon, resulted in the death of one man and the fatal injury of another. An explosion on the third floor was the cause of the fire, which spread rapidly. Six persons were carried down ladders by the firemen and a number of others jumped from upper stories.

**Somewhat Litigious.**  
BRAMPTON, Ont., Dec. 15.—J. E. Tietmarch, of Milton, had a case before Police Magistrate Crawford on Saturday, in which he charges Tate McConnell, constable at Inglewood, with perjury. The case was thrown

out. Mr. Tietmarch has entered an action against the police magistrate for slander. He has also summoned Constable Smeaton on two charges of using profane and abusive language and making threats. Mr. Tietmarch has also issued a writ against the Toronto World, claiming \$50,000 damages for alleged libel. The latter charge arises out of that paper's report of the court proceedings here on Friday.

**Bitten by Dog.**  
GLENCOE, Ont., Dec. 15.—Dr. J. W. Walker of this town has gone to the Pasteur Institute, New York, for treatment. Last Saturday he was bitten by his dog which he found shortly afterwards dead.

**Governor Hughes' Father Dead.**  
ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 15.—The Rev. David C. Hughes, father of Governor Hughes, died at eleven o'clock tonight, following a stroke of apoplexy. Dr. Hughes was 77 years old.

**R. C. Bishop of London.**  
TORONTO, Dec. 15.—His Grace Archbishop McGeachy, received a telegram this morning from Rome announcing officially the appointment of Rev. M. J. Fallon as Bishop of London, Ont.

**Five Drowned from Dredge.**  
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 15.—The tug Tormentor returned here today with the report that the dredge which she was towing from here to Cristobal, Panama, foundered during the storm off Cape Lookout on Monday with the loss of five men, including the captain and chief engineer.

**Suit for \$100,000.**  
TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The Colonial Development Syndicate, of London, England, commenced a suit before Mr. Justice Latchford today in the non-jury sittings against W. S. Mitchell, of Boston, and James A. Mitchell, of New York, to recover sums aggregating \$100,000 advanced to purchase mining claims in the Cobalt district.

**Manitoba Grain Growers.**  
BRANDON, Man., Dec. 15.—The seventh annual of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association opened in the opera house this morning with four hundred delegates, representing the seven thousand members of the association, in attendance. Delegates are still arriving on every train, and record attendance of fully six hundred is expected before evening.

**Slightly Demented.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—So persistent was Ellis L. Rossen, a former Bronx school principal, in his assertion that President Taft's wife and daughter Helen visited him in Bellevue hospital on Saturday night, that Henry W. Taft, the President's brother, appeared in court today to disprove his statements. Mr. Taft, who is a New York lawyer, said that neither Mrs. Taft nor her daughter was in the city on the day or night in question, and that Rossen's statements were ridiculous. The former school teacher, who has been in Bellevue before, is fighting an attempt to have him recommitted as incompetent. The court reserved decision. Rossen acted as his own attorney today and closed his examination of Mr. Taft with a long dissertation on disguises, quoting extensively from de-

fective stories. He insists that Miss Taft, when she visited him, was sheathed in rubber in order that she might move noiselessly, and that she left him fruit and money. Attorneys for the city told of Rossen's erratic actions, how he had been deported from Montreal and arrested in Washington for annoying the president.

**To Limit Horse Racing.**  
OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Mr. Wallace introduced a bill in the commons today limiting the time of horse race meetings to fifteen days. It was given first reading.

**Mr. Gompers and the Hatters.**  
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 15.—A deposition by President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, was read today for the defense in the boycott damage suit brought by D. E. Loewe and company, of Danbury, against the United Hatters. Mr. Gompers said that the Federation endeavored to settle strikes whenever possible. The officers of the executive board had a right to approve a strike when it was brought about by a union. He said that no officer, agent or delegate of the American Federation of Labor had ever communicated with the United Hatters relative to instituting a strike or boycott against the Loewe factory, and that the name of the firm had never been placed on any fair list of the American Federation.

**Here's a Scattered British Family.**  
(From the London Daily Mail).  
Sir.—My Christmas preparations began so early as the end of September. My eight sons and daughters are scattered all over the world, and as I send a small Christmas pudding to each of them, I have to begin mixing and boiling them very early to catch the outgoing Christmas mails.

My eldest boy, Charlie, is farthest away from home. He lives in Fiji, and his pudding had to be at the post office on October 6, in order to reach him in time for Christmas.

My youngest daughter, Nellie, is married and settled down in Mauritius. She has several children who have never seen England, but they all look forward to the big pudding I send them. I got it off safely on October 26.

Frank, my second boy, is in New Zealand. He also is married, and has a family of five. Last Christmas the two elder of his children wrote me a letter thanking me for the puddings, and one of them said that "Granny's puddings were better than those mummy makes."

I sent them a big pudding for next Christmas and posted it a week ago. I have another boy in British Honduras, whose pudding is already on the way, and this week I have sent another to my youngest boy, who is doing very well in Japan.

Then I have two married daughters—one in Rhodesia and one in Manitoba. They seem to be quite near home, for Annie, who lives in Rhodesia, is barely three weeks away, and I can delay posting her pudding until December 4.

Gussie, who is in Manitoba, will have her Christmas pudding mailed on December 11, and then my Christmas duties will be finished.

But before all the different letters of thanks reach me, it will be nearly time to commence making puddings for Christmas, 1910. Yes, Christmas with me seems to go on all the year round.

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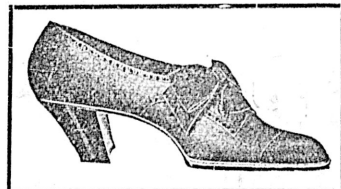


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**See What Our Field Manager  
H. H. Blood, the Noted Geo-  
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Says of Our 60 Acres  
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"I look for not less than 300-barrel oil wells here. As the property is good for 15 wells when drilled up to its capacity, a daily production of 4,500 barrels can be confidently looked for. With an average saturation, the property will produce a minimum of 100,000 barrels to the acre, or a total production of 6,000,000 barrels, representing \$3,000,000.

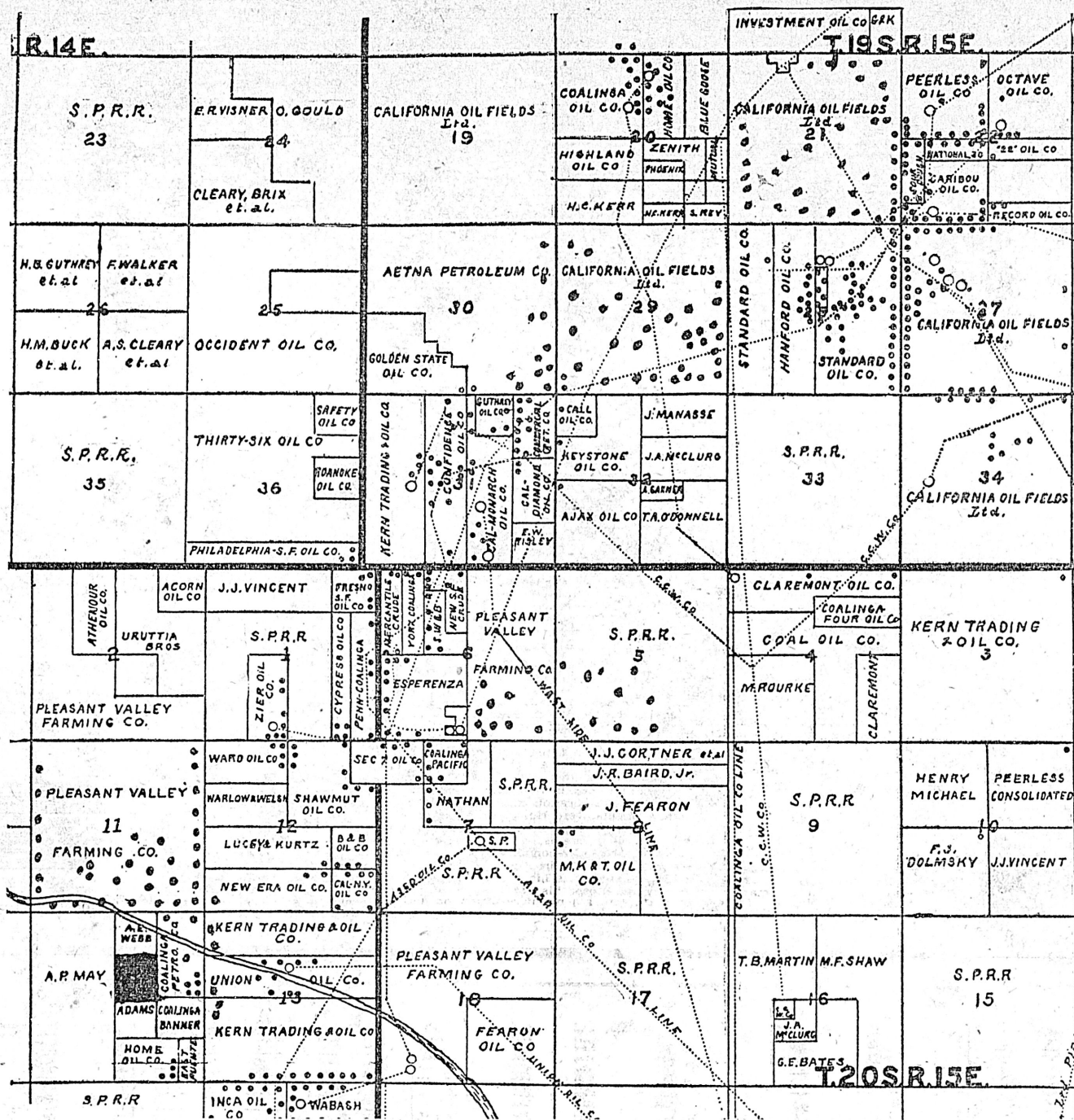
"In regard to marketing the production from this property, I can simply state that the market is waiting for the oil. In California the lowest price that oil will ever attain to has been reached. The demand is such, and the widening of the market for consumption so rapid, that the production cannot keep pace with the demand.

"The daily consumption of California fuel oil is now 157,000 barrels. This is only a few thousand barrels behind the production, and as the consumption is increasing relatively faster than the production, the amount of oil that can be placed in storage to provide for emergency or a sudden increase in consumption is practically a negligible quantity.

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"The outlook for the future of the oil industry in California never was better; an era of prosperity such as the oil men have only dreamt of is practically here, and I have no hesitancy in recommending the acquisition of this territory, and the development of it to its fullest capacity.

(Signed "H. H. BLOOD.")



BLACK block shows Coalinga holdings of the Canadian Pacific Oil Co. of British Columbia, Limited. See those little fly specks? That's what they look like, don't they? Each little dot represents a producing oil well. Perhaps a hundred wells have come in since this survey was made. There is no telling the exact value of the properties here shown, but a conservative estimate places the figure at \$5,000,000,000.

## Some Pungent Facts Touch- ing on, and Appertain- ing to, the California Oil Industry

Sections 5 and 31, Kern River oil fields, were bought from the Southern Pacific Railroad for \$3,200. Millions in dividends have been paid from the companies in these sections and the property cannot be purchased today for \$5,000,000.

Southern Pacific Railroad engineers figure that 70 gallons of California crude oil (less than two barrels) is equal to one ton of coal for power purposes in railroading.

The real value of oil lands is hard to estimate. Many companies have paid \$10,000 in dividends for each acre controlled by them.

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Coal in San Francisco costs the largest consumers \$6.00 per ton in train-load lots.

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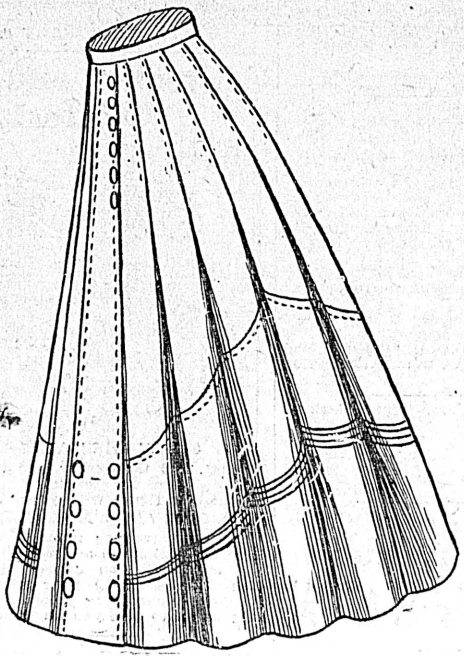
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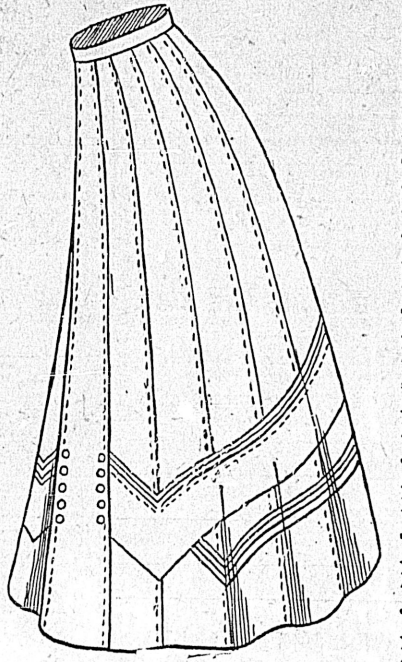








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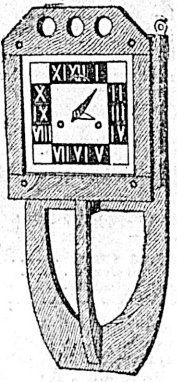
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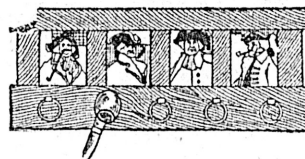
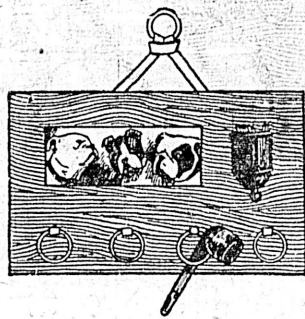
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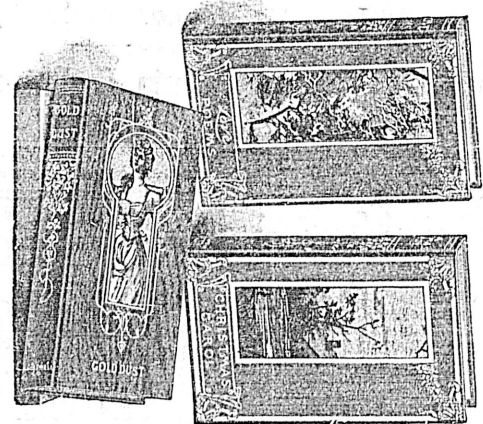
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